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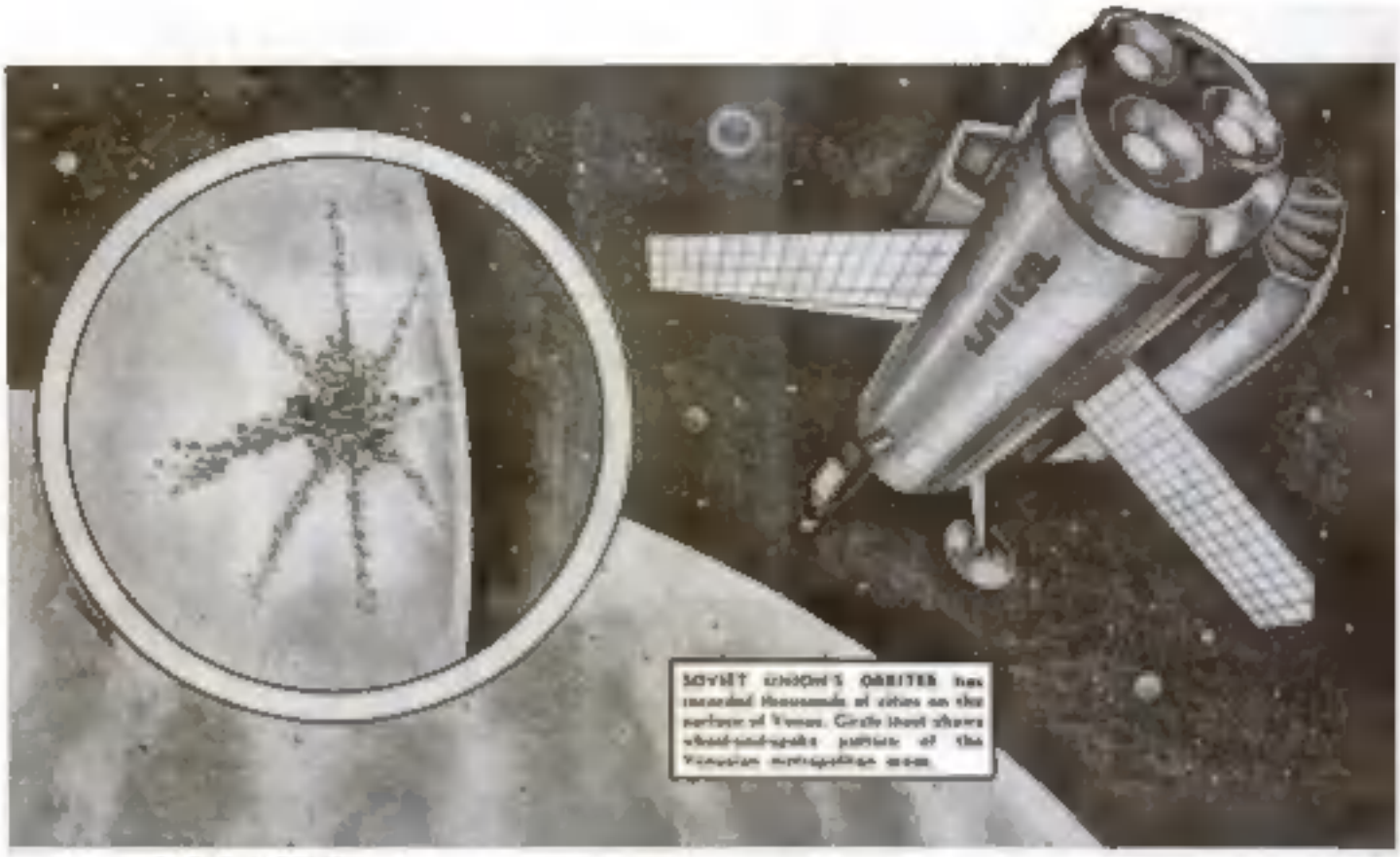

SOVIET UNION'S ORBITER has recorded thousands of cities on the surface of Venus. Circle inset shows wheel-and-spoke pattern of the Venusian metropolitan area.

By EAGAN DUNN

Soviets find cities on Venus

A Soviet space probe has discovered the remains of 20,000 cities on Venus!

"There are cities strewn all over the landscape and I'll be damned if we know who built them," Dr. Nikolai Levchenko told a gathering of scientists in Brussels, Belgium.

"The surface temperature of the planet is over 800 degrees. Winds blow at hurricane force. And it rains sulfuric acid, not water.

"A human couldn't survive under those conditions for a minute. But something did — and left behind the remains of a mighty civilization to prove it."

According to Dr. Levchenko, the cities were discovered by an orbiter taking radar scans of the planet's surface, through its dense, cloud-choked atmosphere in January.

Scientists originally believed that the images were aberrations caused by atmospheric interference or malfunctioning equipment.

But after further analysis they determined that they graphically depicted the remains long-dead of a Venusian civilization.

"The cities are arranged like spokes on a wheel with a vast metropolitan area at the center," said Dr. Levchenko. "The configuration suggests the cities were joined together. In fact, if we imagine a network of roads as connectors, we would see that all of them led in the central metropolitan area."

The orbiter's radar scans were not detailed enough to determine the architectural styles, said Dr. Levchenko.

Without that information, he added, it is impossible to predict what sort of creatures built the cities and lived in them.

"The one thing we do know is that the cities are in a state of decay and are almost surely ancient," said Dr. Levchenko.

"There is no evidence of life on the planet at present," he added. "So it is probably safe to assume that whoever lived in them died out long ago, too."

Forbidding conditions on the planet's surface prohibit manned exploration for the foreseeable future. But Dr. Levchenko made it clear that the Soviets will spare no expense to get a closer look at the Venusian cities with unmanned probes.

Zookeeper pleads for chimp's life after he bites off her finger

The zookeeper who had her finger bitten off in a vicious attack by a chimp is pleading from her hospital bed for the life of the ape.

"She made it clear she didn't want the animal to suffer," said Nigel Martin, manager of the Chessington, England, zoo. "Maggie was just caught off her guard by Sinbad. He cannot be blamed for what happened and he will not be harmed in any way."

Keeper Maggie Black, 21, was attacked without warning by the 140-pound Sinbad when she tried to give him a shower from outside his cage. But Maggie apparently got too close to the powerful ape.

SORRY Sinbad

Space probe radar scans show planet's surface is littered with skyscrapers

Teens in trouble over condom caper

Four high school students in Tampa, Fla., were suspended from school for 10 days — for handing out condoms at a school talent show.

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Cops: She married for money but when it was gone . . .

Greedy gal bumps off husband — then kills herself!

By PETE COOKE

A rich, lonely businessman and his greedy escort service gal gambled on finding happiness together but wound up losing everything — including their lives.

On the eve of their ill-fated marriage Kathy Skinner confided to a friend that she thought Bob Alvashire was a disgusting person and only intended to marry him for his money.

When he met and married Kathy in 1985 Alvashire was the divorced 54-year-old head of a dry-cleaning operation with lucrative contracts from 42 hotels near Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

Within three years, Alvashire was financially ruined. A few weeks after Alvashire filed bankruptcy he was stabbed to death and set on fire in the living room of the couple's home in Longwood, just north of Orlando. Kathy committed suicide a month later.

Police say Kathy worked for escort services before and after a friend of Alvashire flew her in from Cleveland to spend a weekend with the newly businessman. A week later the 31-year-old divorced mother of two moved in with Alvashire.

They were married in December 1985 and took a honeymoon cruise to the Bahamas. Kathy spent most of her time in the ship's casino gambling away her new husband's money.

When the newlyweds returned to Florida, Kathy had [illegible] them for a while, Alvashire eventually gave him a job managing one of his companies.

Kathy spent lavishly, buying expensive jewelry and a designer wardrobe for herself. She insisted that Alvashire replace her Mustang with a Cadillac and when he refused, the Mustang was mysteriously torched. Kathy soon had her new Caddy.

The more attention Alvashire paid to his personal life the more his business suffered and when money started getting tight, things only got worse at home.

Desperate for money, Kathy went back to work for an escort service that had been under investigation as a prostitution ring.

But the couple was still living together on the night of Alvashire's murder, April 1. Kathy told detectives that she was sleeping when she heard a loud noise and went into the living room to find her husband's corpse on the floor burning. He had been stabbed seven times.

Cops say there was no sign of forced entry and nothing was stolen from the Alvashire home on the night of the murder. Kathy was still the prime suspect in her husband's slaying on May 5 when she killed herself by taking an overdose of sleeping pills.

IN happier times: Bob and Kathy Alvashire posed for this photo on their 1985 honeymoon cruise.

Judge tells driver: Junk your truck or go to jail!

By SUSAN JIMISON

Edward Grumling's truck was in such shabby shape that an angry judge pronounced it "rolling death" — and ordered him to trash it or spend 60 days in jail!

The Inverness, Fla., man had been hauled before Citrus County Judge Gary Graham for reckless driving and attempting to elude police. Judge Graham test-drove Grumling's modified Dodge Ram Charger and came back from the trip in a rage.

"Do you want to get rid of that vehicle as part of your sentence if I suspend part of your sentence?" he asked Grumling, 22. "I don't mean sell it. I mean take it to a junkyard and have it destroyed!"

Grumling's attorney had argued that the truck would barely go over the 35 m.p.h. speed limit where the police had chased his client. But said the truck had "almost nonexistent brakes" and because there was no speedometer there was no way of telling how fast it would go.

"This is the most dangerous vehicle I have ever driven in my whole life and to think of someone behind the wheel trying to elude police officers is really frightening," Judge Graham

CHILD-STARVED WOMAN KIDNAPS CHIMP

She thought it was a human baby!

By HENRY WEBER

A mixed-up young woman kidnapped a chimp that was dressed like a baby because she thought it was the real thing — and wanted it for her own!

Francis Genet was charged with the theft of Blue Moo the chimp after returning it to a zoo in Brussels, Belgium, said cops.

Incredibly, she kept the animal for almost six hours before she realized that it wasn't a human baby.

"It's the craziest case I've ever investigated," Police Major Klaus Ilsner told reporters. "The woman was childless and envied and wanted a baby had enough to kidnap one. She got her baby all right — but it certainly wasn't what she expected."

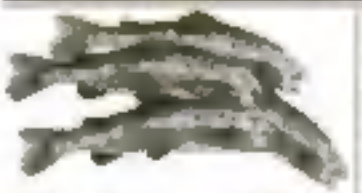
The drama began on kiddie day at the zoo when the chimp was dressed in diaper and bonnet and placed in a baby bunny as a featured attraction. When the chimp's keeper turned his back, Miss Genet, 28, allegedly snatched up the critter and fled. In a statement to police, the young woman reportedly said she didn't get a good look at the chimp until she got home.

"I couldn't get over how human it was, but I still wanted it," she said. "You don't know how badly I want children. Doctors say I'll never have any of my own."

The animal weighs only 12 pounds and apparently went to sleep after Miss Genet fed it milk from a bottle and May Blanes. The woman told us it slept almost four hours before it woke up screaming," he continued.

"When she picked the animal up its bonnet fell off. Then she realized it was the wrong kind of baby."

Miss Genet immediately returned to the zoo and handed the chimp back over to officials where she was placed under arrest.



Flying fish ice cream?

Ice-cream salesman Charles Sandford has created 751 unique flavors for his customers, including sardine and carrot, tomato and flying fish!

"Every single recipe is different," said the man from Bridgetown, Barbados. "I don't take a vanilla base, add some flavor and change the name."

To make flying fish ice cream, Sandford combines fish mash, smoked mackerel hunter, mule, eggs and butter.

— RUTH POLLARD

Cancer wipes out 40 members of same family

By JOE BERGER

Shell-shocked Shirley Lewis and scores of relatives have been doomed to lives of horror by a devastating disease — a killer cancer that's struck down 59 members of their family!

The ghastly cancer called polyposis has wiped out 40 of Shirley's kin and left 19 other victims — including her husband and sons — walking a tightrope of terror.

"What's happened to us, all of us, is almost more than we can bear," the heartbroken housewife told reporters in Birkenhead, England.

"I've so often shut my eyes and asked God, 'Why us?' But we just have to face it."

Polyposis, which attacks the intestines, has been eating holes in the Lewis family for at least four generations. Doctors say the second born

through genes carried by male members of the family.

The dread disease struck Shirley's plumber husband Ray last year, but an operation saved his life.

Now the cancer has turned up in their sons Andrew, 15, and Paul, 12. Andrew is scheduled for surgery to remove a large part of his colon.

"When it started hitting so close to home, I went back through the family tree and was stunned to find just how many have suffered from it," said pale-stricken Shirley, who married into the family and can't

likely to get polyposis. "Even the doctors were shocked to find out how bad it is in our family. It's been killing our Lewis after another for as far back as we can go."

But Shirley Lewis and her menfolk say they'll make the most of the horrible hand fate has dealt them.

"It's really a hellish disease, almost worse than you can imagine," said Ray, 34. "I dropped from 14 stone (196 pounds) to 5 stone 12lb pounds) in just 13 days.

"But we've got life and we've got hope — and we've got faith in God."

. . . and rare form of the disease threatens 19 more!

They've been wed 27 years and have 3 kids, but . . .

Judge orders brother and sister: Go get a divorce!

By RAGAN QUINN

A judge has ordered a brother and sister to divorce even though they have been married for 27 years — and have three beautiful kids!

Patricia and Alain Ramay were given 90 days to end their marriage after Judge Jaime Canales found them guilty of incest, newspapers in La Paz, Bolivia, said.

The shell-shocked couple have not decided whether to appeal the verdict. But they reportedly said they will continue to live together no matter what.

"Nobody has the right to tell us how to live or who we can marry," Mrs. Ramay, 47 , told reporters.

Her 49-year-old husband added: "Our love is stronger and more important than any law. We stand before God as husband and wife, father and mother.

"And we know in our hearts that He approves."

The couple's unusual relationship came to light when a former friend told police what was going on.

After a brief investigation the authorities found that Mrs. Ramay had lied about her birth and background when the couple applied for a marriage license in 1961.

Judge Canales acknowledged that the Ramays' 27-year marriage was stronger than most.

Beyond that he condemned their relationship as "revolting and taboo."

The Ramays' attorney argued that the couple's love for one another was something most people could never understand.

Public opinion polls conducted after the trial, however, seemed to refute what the lawyer said.

A whopping 92 percent of those surveyed said the Ramays' marriage should not be dissolved.

Mariann Ramay, the oldest of the couple's three adult children, said that he, his brother and sister will back their parents "until our dying day."

"We have the best mother and father in the world," he said.

"We've helped them all the way."

Court can't destroy our love, says devoted couple

Rock music will make you stupid

Heavy metal can make you stupid.

That's the warning from a Soviet scientist who says the music of headbanging groups like Motorhead, Def Leppard and Bon Jovi "undoubtedly affects the brain."

"Have you ever seen the faces of rock fans?" Professor N. Bekhtereva asked Soviet Weekly Magazine.

"They all look blank."

The expert says heavy metal literally bombards the brain with signals, which has a dangerous effect on a listener's intelligence.

Specifically, it dampens the emotions, becomes addictive and has a brainwashing effect, he said.

Huggable mug

Bruiser, a 6-a-nah-old English bulldog, is a mutt with a face so ugly he's adorable. The lovable pooch belongs to James Harris of Trussville, Ala.

Man finds mom's ring he lost in 1955!

By JACK ALEXANDER

Nearly a lifetime of guilt ended for loving son Bruce Dickerson when he found his mom's cherished high school class ring he lost 23 years ago!

SINCE getting her cherished ring back, Mrs. Dickerson hasn't taken it off her finger.

Dickerson, 35, lost the ring when he was 12 while playing in a yard near their Kansas City, Missouri, home and has worried about it ever since.

"I've told my wife, Judy, I must be a real sick cookie to be so worried about a ring after all these years," he said. "Every once in a while it would jump up and bite me."

The ring was special to his mother, Marge Dickerson, who had earned the $30 to pay for it in 1951.

Unfortunately, the deadline for ordering it passed before she had the money.

Classmate Shirley Thompson didn't want her ring so Mrs. Dickerson bought it from her even though the initials S.T. were engraved inside.

Dickerson found his mom's ring in her jewelry box when he was 13 and pestered her to let him wear it.

"I was reluctant, but I gave him permission," said Mrs. Dickerson. "I told him he better not lose it."

But he DID lose it while playing in a neighbor's yard. "I felt real bad about it," he said.

Earlier this year, Dickerson decided to renew the search and rented a metal detector. He found the ring in five minutes — in the yard where he lost it.

Dickerson had a jeweler polish the ring and gave it to his surprised mother the next day. It hasn't left her finger since.

"It's almost a miracle that he could find it after 23 years," said Mrs. Dickerson.

DETERMINED Bruce Dickerson rented a metal detector to help locate his mom's high school class ring he'd lost 23 years ago.

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Gang leads are requiring their potential crooks — applicants — to answer questions like, "Have you ever done this type of work before?" "Do you use any drugs?" "What hours will you be available for work?" and "Do you have a jail record?"

One application lists 12 work rules, including an order, "All guns must be loaded," cops said.

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Church booze counselor guilty in DWI hit and run

BROTHER Ignatius O'Grady, left, of the Catholic Brothers of the Sacred Heart, is taken into custody after the tragic accident.

By JACK ALEXANDER

Catholic Brother James O'Grady, who counseled drunks about the evils of booze, faces 15 years in prison — after he mowed down a tow truck driver in a drunken hit-run accident.

Blood-alcohol tests revealed that O'Grady, 56, was driving drunk when he slammed into Vernon Danziger, 30, and dragged him 30 feet to his death, said a spokesman for the district attorney's office in New York City.

O'Grady, who belongs to the New Jersey-based Brothers of the Sacred Heart, faces five to 15 years in prison after being convicted of manslaughter.

The balding, bespectacled O'Grady also was found guilty of reckless homicide, leaving the scene of an accident and driving while intoxicated.

O'Grady was driving his Chevrolet to Manhattan across the 59th Street Bridge a year ago when he struck Danziger who was helping a disabled motorist.

O'Grady, a member of Alcoholics Anonymous who counseled alcoholics, was allowed to remain free on $5,000 bail until his sentencing.

THE BODY of tow truck driver is removed by paramedics from bridge where he died after he was killed by hit-run driver.

'Train surfing,' newest deadly fad, kills dozens of teenagers

A hot new fad called train surfing is spreading through the ranks of teenagers in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil — and it's killing and maiming hundreds of youngsters a year!

The bizarre practice involves riding on top of electric trains as they travel at high speeds from stop to stop along the city's rail system. Teens are killed or maimed as they topple off the trains or accidentally hit cables charged with 3,000 volts of electricity.

So horrendous has the toll on young "surfers" been that the rail authority has put up posters declaring, "Train top travelers don't reach the end of the line — they die on it."

According to officials, train surfers usually climb up onto the top of the train as it comes into the platform. They then sit or stand with arms outstretched like a board surfer as the train starts up again. If they lose their grips or accidentally strike the overhead cable, the results are tragic.

About 600 kids survive each year after falls from the trains. But 150 others die so horribly their bodies cannot be identified.

"I wouldn't be surfing in the first place if I were afraid to die," said one surfer, a 16-year-old interviewed recently by a local newspaper.

The youth was killed shortly thereafter.

Giant pothole costs city $9696

A giant pothole blamed for the death of a woman has cost Dallas taxpayers a whopping $9696,000 because city employees ignored complaints to fill it, authorities said.

The costly settlement, paid to the family of A. Glennja Mayer of Rowlett, has nearly wiped out the city's litigation reserve fund. Mrs. Mayer was killed by a motorist who swerved sharply to miss the three-foot wide hole.

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Newlyweds vanish off the face of the earth!

Honeymoon mystery

By PETE COOKE

Newlyweds Scott and Carolyn Swanson abandoned their car in a Chicago alley, left all their worldly possessions behind and vanished without a trace in what cops say is one of the most baffling disappearances ever.

"It's a real mystery," said Commander Ettore Divito, head of the Chicago Police Department's missing persons bureau. "We need a break on this one."

What makes the case even more bizarre is that authorities now suspect the young couple didn't fall prey to some criminal scheme, but instead carefully planned their own disappearance.

"There is nothing to suggest that they met with foul play," said Lt. Lou Aradio, who is in charge of the investigation. "We believe they left of their own accord."

But the anguished families who were left behind say they can't believe the devoutly religious couple would do such a thing.

"Carolyn is a girl who called home almost every single day," said her mother, Kathleen MacClean of Haddonfield, N.J. "There was no rift, no problem."

Lt. Aradio said the strange case began to unfold last April 1, when the two seniors from Wheaton College in suburban Chicago climbed into Carolyn's red BMW and drove 125 miles to visit her grandmother in Flint, Mich.

During their short stay in Flint, Scott, 23, and Carolyn, 22, never let on that they'd been secretly married six days earlier, Aradio said.

On April 3, the couple headed back to Chicago, stopping at a service station on the outskirts of Flint to buy soft drinks. "The trail ends at that gas station," Commander Divito said.

A few hours after the couple stopped at the gas station near Flint, Carolyn's car was found abandoned in an alley in downtown Chicago.

Lt. Aradio said the key was still in the ignition, the gas tank was half full and credit cards and personal items were left behind.

Although there were no signs of a struggle in the car, police initially suspected foul play and immediately launched a search for clues along the route between Chicago and Flint.

Couple steps into the twilight zone

The search turned up nothing, but investigators later found some intriguing facts, including Scott and Carolyn's secret marriage.

"Shortly before their disappearance, they also made many calls to train and bus stations and travel agents," Aradio said. "They apparently planned this."

The question authorities can't answer is why.

"Why would a couple with everything going for them just leave it all behind?" Aradio said. "We don't know. It wasn't the marriage because their families knew it was going to happen at some point and approved. We have no idea where they've gone, but maybe they'll come back when they're ready."

COPS say they don't believe foul play was involved in the disappearance of newlywed couple Scott and Carolyn Swanson.

Teacher shamed for shameful act

Julia Lynn Guptill-Gilbert was convicted of molesting children — and now she has to wear her guilt in public in the form of a sign that says, "I am a convicted child molester."

The 19-year-old former preschool teacher was found guilty of "communicating with a minor for immoral purposes" in cases involving two girls aged 4 and 6. The Seattle woman was ordered back from her new home in California to serve her sentence.

She must wear her molester sign for 90 days every time she leaves home, according to a ruling by King County Superior Court Judge Warren Chan.

Canoe top this?

Steak on the hoof invades restaurant!

By JACK ALEXANDER

Beer drinking bachelor James Main bellied up to the bar at a family restaurant on a busy Saturday night with his thirsty pal — a 1,200-pound ox.

Main ordered a round for himself and the ox while the burly beast mingled in the crowd, watching customers eat his less fortunate cousins.

"It was a practical joke that backfired," said Connecticut State Trooper William Robinson.

"The manager was not pleased. No one was hurt." The bizarre incident occurred about 9 p.m. at Gary's Restaurant, a popular watering hole and eatery in North Stonington.

"The place was packed with people when Main, two friends and the ox walked in," said Robinson. "His friends had video cameras and took pictures of the whole thing. We are holding the film as evidence."

As you might expect, the bartender would not serve Main, 30, or the ox. Main was asked several times to leave and take the animal with him, said Robinson.

"It was a standoff for about 30 minutes," said Robinson. "People were eating, a band was playing and the bar crowd was having a ball."

State police and area cops finally escorted Main and the ox outside. Main tied the critter to his truck and ran into a nearby woods, said Robinson. He was arrested at his home several hours later. Main, a construction contractor, was charged with disturbing the peace, reckless endangerment, breach of peace, interfering with a police officer and cruelty to animals.

The restaurant-bar manager wouldn't give The *NEWS* his name or talk about the incident. "We've been through enough already," he said. "I'm not in a position to comment."

"James (Main) did the same thing about a year ago when the place was under different management," said his brother John. "And there was no trouble about it.

"It was just a practical joke," he said.

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Deep freeze chills wife!

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Ora Lee Byrd, 68, was sitting on a couch in the living room of the couple's Clovis, N. Mex., home when the bizarre mishap took her life.

Her husband Joe, 70, told police his foot slipped off the brake and hit the accelerator.

Cops: Gal pacified baby with cocaine!

Cops say Connie Simmonds used a novel way to quiet her 6-week-old baby — she gave him a pacifier dipped in cocaine!

Mrs. Simmonds, 36, was charged with misdemeanor child abuse, but the baby was not harmed in the incident, police said.

Police went to the Lakewood, Colo., woman's home after an anonymous tipster told them Mrs. Simmonds was drugging her baby. The child was taken to a hospital where tests revealed traces of cocaine in his blood.

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France falls to his death — at Niagara

Teenager Dana Melota watched in horror as her fiance slipped and then plunged to his death in a gorge within sight of nature's symbol of enduring love — Niagara Falls!

Only a few minutes before the accident Dana and her 23-year-old sweetheart Brian Naugler had quiet relief. Then strolled to a railing wall near the falls to catch things up.

Brian said Naugler sat on a ledge by said the wall and commented on how far down the gorge was.

"He said look how steep it is and then just slipped and I slid said.

Naugler was pronounced dead after he was pulled from the gorge some 150 feet below the ledge.

— LUCILLE GOULD

By SUSAN JIMISON

HUBBY TELLS DIVORCE COURT: I GOT NO LOVIN' — FOR 16 YEARS!

Michele and Darryl Steiner got married in 1969 — and they have not had sex since.

On their wedding night, Michele announced that her body was her own and that Darryl couldn't make love to her until she decided the time was right.

The time was never right.

Finally Darryl gave up trying to work out his marital woes and filed for divorce.

The middle-aged Lansing, Mich., couple ended their marriage in 1987.

"They co-habited before the marriage," said Jake Allan, attorney for Darryl Steiner. "They had conjugal, like physical relations, they discussed children.

"But they never consummated the marriage.

"The point was they couldn't have relations unless she said so and she never did, she refused."

Last month the Michigan state Court of Appeals upheld the decision of a lower court to deny Michele alimony because of her bizarre ban on hanky-panky. It similarly rejected the failure of the marriage. But an attorney for the woman defended the marriage as a happy one.

"My client says that sex wasn't a major part of the marriage," attorney Christopher Picard told The NEWS.

"There was a tacit agreement not to have it.

"He didn't object to not having it. In fact, in the six years before he filed for divorce he never even requested sex.

"My client says Darryl Steiner was an abuse individual and it caused her misery to have sex with him. But it was a working marriage.

"Anyone who didn't know what happened in the bedroom would have thought it was a happy marriage. And she contributed financially to that marriage."

After he divorced Michele in 1987, Darryl remarried.

His attorney says he's much happier now that he has a normal relationship with a woman.

"He's a peach of a guy," said Allan. "He stuck it out in the other marriage because he just kept trying and trying.

"Now he's married to a lovely lady and he's very happy.

"He's truly, extremely well."

. . . so judge rules he doesn't have to pay alimony

Driver guilty of murder for dragging passenger

A driver was given a life sentence for murdering his companion after the victim fell from his car, got his ankle caught in the seat belt and was dragged to his death at 80 m.p.h.

Paul Smith, 26, attempted to kill his victim by ramming his car into Alexander Humphreys, 44. But instead of stopping, Humphreys revved up the engine, knocking Smith onto concrete mid-divider along the Belfast road.

Prosecutor David Jeffers told shocked jurors Smith died from "horrifying injuries" that mangled his facial features.

Witnesses spotted the men arguing in the car and frantically flashed their lights warning the car to stop, cops said.

Smith was jumped in front of the car but leaped to safety because Humphreys wouldn't stop.

Humphreys denied he was the driver, blaming the death on passenger Frederick McDivitte.

"Paul got caught under the car and we didn't know he was there," Humphreys said.

He expressed shock when Judge Miss Lowry sentenced the maniac killer.

— LAURA MYERS

Putting the bite on crime

Police officer Bill Hubbard, wearing protective gear, is attacked by a dog at Aberdeen International, the world's largest private school for police dog handlers. The Riverside

WORLD'S HOTTEST GOSSIP

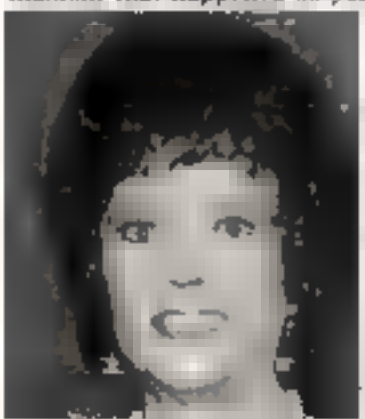
Shirley Temple says she was only 10 when a . . .

Slimeball producer tried to seduce me!

SHOCKING SECRET REVEALED

In a shocking revelation, former child superstar Shirley Temple Black says a sicko, Tinseltown bigwig once tried to seduce her when she was a dimple-cheeked, 10-year-old cutie pie.

Now 50, Shirley says she can still remember the bizarre incident that happened 50 years ago when she was alone in the office of a hotshot producer at famed 20th Century-Fox studios.



Amazingly, the filthy slimeball had the nerve to expose himself to the curly-haired, blonde darling.

"He seemed to be rearranging his clothing with a curious amount of flourish," recalls Shirley.

But the producer was in for a shock. Instead of provoking passion, his dirty act only got chuckles.

"The only person I had ever seen naked who was old I thought he was pretty funny-looking so I laughed until I had tears in my eyes."

Shirley's close call is included in her book coming out in the fall called Child Star — Boulder Daily Camera

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Michael Douglas is so green. Cameron Diaz is so yellow. Together, they're the perfect couple.

Tinseltown, but fun superstar Kirk Douglas was concerned that his wife-to-be would come up to be a failure. "I know she's a great actress, but I never thought she would have any talent for anything," says proud pop Kirk. "When Michael was a teenager, I never thought he would be

SHORTLY after this picture was taken, little Shirley had an ugly incident with a lecherous Hollywood producer.

GORGEOUS Susan Day and new hubby Bernie Sofronski

'L.A. Law' lovely tells why she likes older men

J. J. Cole lovely Susan Day admits she has a yen for older guys, but it's not because she's looking for a daddy.

"I'm attracted to older men simply because they've learned how to get what they want," says part-time actress who is 15 years older Bernard Sofronski, who is 15 years older.

Bernie is Sue's second hubby. Her first, agent Lamar Hankin, was 21 years older than her. "This is the first time I've really been in love," Sue gushes.

"Bernie has helped me understand that love involves give and take.

"I never understood that until I met him. I seem to have more energy and I'm showing myself in the mirror more and more the every day.

"It makes life so much easier when you're with someone you can trust." — Rumor's Out

Bubbly Michelle Pfeiffer plays great hands playing charades as hot neighbor Janet without bra. Actress was catch last on HBO's sitcom "1st and 10" and the upcoming cable movie "They Only Come Out at Night."

J.R. plays real-life cupid for dishy 'Dallas' dame

— Freedom Sun

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Talk across the country about the latest post-holiday of movie superstar and Democrat William Hurt, whose last fling was the tempestuous Dick Hemingway.

— Chicago Tribune

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Democrat claims ad Zsa Zsa, whose holdings include collectible baubles and diamonds, was the target over marriage for money.

"I marry for love," says Zsa Zsa. "I divorce for money." — London Express

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Republican hopeful George Bush showed signs of a good sport for his campaign that he can do a lot better than give speeches.

Frank Sinatra and Barbara Marx were seen together at the Humphrey Bogart memorial there and did Frank and Barbara.

It was so good that impersonator Rich told George he ought to do Bush on his campaign speeches.

"That'll show people you're a regular guy," said Rich.

Whether George does any other actors, like say Ronald Reagan? — New York Post

★ ★ ★

Larry Hagman is dead set J.R. as superwrap Dallas but he played a memorable role when it came to the love life of his gorgeous costar Sherree J. Wilson.

Soft hearted Larry decided Sherree, who plays stripper Angel Stevens, and her boyfriend Paul Stevens, who is played by Jack Scalia, were having problems.

Larry decided to invite Sherree and Paul to his home for dinner. He also invited Linda Gray, who plays Sue Ellen Ewing, and her husband Dr. Richard Gray.

"Larry wanted to assemble a package to get them together," says a pal.

The cleverest part of Larry's scheme was telling the other guests not to talk about their problems. So the packed dinner table was filled with talk of Dallas — not to get the pair to mend fences.

"They've been going steady ever since," says a pal.

And pretty Sherree is happy as can be.

"I have Larry to thank for introducing me to my British stallion," she

ROMANTIC — Larry Hagman fixed

City hall brawl

A city council meeting became a slapstick comedy when councilmen started shoving, punching and kicking each other — and throwing cream pie at each other's face.

The phenomenon began after Councilman Antonio Carlos Fernandes showed up at the meeting in Sao Paulo, Brazil, with a cream pie. He said the pie was "in honor of Mayor Louis Quadros for having 'lots' of his bills approved."

Fernandes' political rival Geraldo Blota said Fernandes was being silly, so Fernandes threw a glass of the pie at Blota.

When Blota ducked Fernandes other councilmen took sides in the brawl, pounding and pie-ing each other with gu

Undie-world figure is nabbed by cops!

By PETE COOKE

A shameless phone caller who managed to talk at least 50 beautiful women into giving him their undergarments pleaded guilty to theft charges after he was tracked down by one irate victim.

Authorities in Peoria, Ill., said the intimate apparel that included bras, panties, black nylon stockings, garter belts, girdles and Frederick's of Hollywood lingerie, were found in paper bags at the home of David Sanders.

Prosecutor Vera Dentino said Sanders, who works in a city-owned golf shop, called women and told them he needed their underwear to dress an inflatable doll as a surprise party being thrown for their boyfriends or husbands.

"He'd convince them he was friends with their husbands and boyfriends," Dentino said. "It worked, so they'd leave how many items. At least 50. He is very smart. The women were amazed at how much information Sanders had collected about their private lives."

According to the prosecutor, Sanders gathered information on his victims from newspaper wedding announcements and gossip columns.

Dentino said Sanders convinced his victims to place their undergarments in paper bags that would be left for him outside an apartment complex. Only two of Sanders' victims complained to police after discovering they'd been duped because "most were too embarrassed," Dentino said.

But one woman decided to do more than just complain.

"This one, she was really mad," Dentino said. "She'd given him a wig, some underwear and a nightie from Frederick's of Hollywood. Expensive stuff. She tracked him down."

Sanders pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor theft charge and was fined $600.

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The horror of killer's attack 3 years ago still haunts woman

A nightmare remembered

By SUSAN JAMISON

A knife-wielding killer destroyed Lauri McKenna's life three years ago but the courageous young woman is putting it back together, piece by piece.

The 20-year-old San Mateo, Calif., blonde fell victim to David Raley, a security guard who lured her into an abandoned mansion, then stabbed and beat her. Another young woman, Lauri's friend Jeanine Grinnell, was attacked, too. Jeanine died but courageous Lauri lived to see her assailant get the death penalty.

Now that Raley's trial is over, Lauri wants to lead a normal life again and leave her nightmare memories far behind. But it isn't easy, not after what she's been through.

"I get angry that I have to live with this," she admitted. "But what happened to me is a part of me. It's not something I can change. There's nothing I want to hide."

It doesn't take much to trigger flashbacks to Lauri's frightening ordeal. That night, she and Jeanine were tricked by Raley into entering the mansion he was guarding for a private party.

She struggles to put her life back together after escaping from ghoulish house of death

Once the girls were inside, Raley turned on them, stabbing Lauri 28 times and Jeanine 50 times. After assaulting his pretty young victims, Raley left them for dead in a garbage dump. But Lauri managed to crawl up a hill to a highway where she flagged down help for herself and her friend.

Jeanine died, Lauri lived — a fact Lauri still finds difficult to accept.

"I know Jeanine had a good brawl up against Raley," she said. "Jeanine was small. I remember asking her when he put us in the trunk of his car, 'Are you okay?' and she snapped back, 'Yes, I'm fine.'

"I see Jeanine's brother sometimes and I can't even look at him. I know there are people out there who probably wish Jeanine had lived instead of me."

After the attack, Lauri became a recluse. Then she went through a stage when she tried to escape. Finally, with the help of an understanding therapist, she got better.

"I just wanted to get out of the house and be with friends and forget the whole thing," she recalled. "I never thought I was ever going to be happy again.

"Now I don't dwell on things. I haven't exactly had a

PRETTY Lauri McKenna still has flash backs from the night's wedding of Raley, David Raley night, lured Lauri and her friend Jeanine Grinnell into an abandoned mansion, but stabbed them and left them for dead.

New spray spells trouble for drug-sniffing dogs

By PETE COOKE

Worried drug agents are working overtime to find an antidote to a powerful new chemical that can destroy a police dog's ability to sniff out contraband for up to two years.

Authorities said scientists handling the formula for the odorless, tasteless chemical that can be sprayed into the air to numb a dog's sense of smell

smugglers or terrorists, police are pushing researchers to come up with an antidote as soon as possible.

"God knows what will happen if the wrong people get hold of this," said a Customs official.

Mystery of the ring of death!

Bulgarian police are searching for one of the most bloodthirsty killers in their country's history — a devilish ring with a stone like a cat's eye that authorities believe is responsible for killing 23 people.

By MAURICE RINGER

"It sounds like a low grade mystery movie, but we now have a link between 18 deaths and this devil ring," said Stanislaus Prodnu, inspector with the Varna police.

"And we believe another eight deaths were also connected with this cursed ring with the evil eye."

The ring is gold and silver and has set black stones about the size of a cherry pit with yellow lines across the middle. On either side of the stone are carved skulls with tiny glowing ruby eyes.

According to Inspector Prodnu, the dark bloody history of the ring began in 1497 when a Turkish sorcerer named Hakan Baba had the gold and silver band fashioned by a craftsman to hold the stone — known as "the devil's eye." Legend says that the evil magician washed the rings for three days in human blood in a bowl fashioned from a human skull.

Baba was infamous for his worship of black magic and he is believed to have killed seven virgins and drained them of their blood during his dark rituals.

"When he was surrounded by royal soldiers and about to be captured, he suddenly keeled over dead. But the story goes that his spirit escaped into the stone in the ring," said the inspector.

The ring was supposedly responsible for hundreds of deaths throughout the next 500 years. But Inspector Prodnu is only interested in 23 deaths beginning with 18-year-old Miss Varlena in 1972 and ending with that of Boris Janick, 32 in March of this year.

"Both these people were originally thought to be suicides," said the inspector. "Miss Varlena was found with her throat slit in her bathroom. Janick, a truck driver, leaped in front of a slow moving freight train.

"The link between the deaths was that they each were missing fingers that appeared to have been torn out of their sockets.

"Later, relatives said the victims had worn a bizarre ring on the missing fingers. The descriptions of the rings matched the devil's eye."

All the other deaths in the ring ascribed to be suicides or freak accidents, but in each case the victim was missing a finger. And in almost every case, someone who knew the victim said they wore this same ring on the missing digit, the inspector said.

"I don't believe the spirit of this bad-hearted magician is killing these people," said Prodnu, "but something or someone is killing people and tearing all fingers to get at the ring."

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Teens boil heads to make ashtrays

Soviet authorities arrested five teenagers caught boiling human heads over a bonfire in a suburb of Moscow.

Police said the teens were boiling three human heads to make ashtrays out of the skulls, according to a report in Moskovskaya Pravda.

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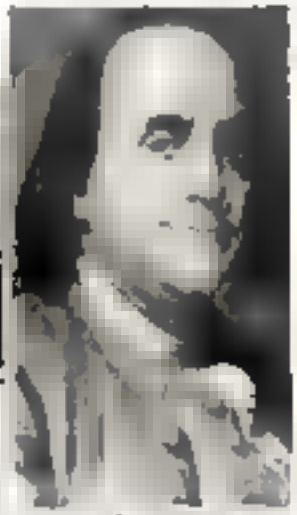
Kids say the darndest things about history

MIGHTY MEAT: Schwarzkopf, here going with them about ancient Egypt.

Benjamin Franklin invent' electricity by 'rubbing cats backward?'



INVENTOR: Benjamin Franklin would be shocked by today's children.

By JOE BERGER

Teacher Richard Lederer knows there's nothing funnier than history rewritten by a struggling schoolkid who missed the point.

Lederer, who collects his students' blunders for posterity, published a few of them in a recent issue of The Language Quarterly magazine:

- The Magna Carta provided that no free man should be hanged twice for the same offense.
- Benjamin Franklin invented electricity by rubbing two cats backward. Franklin died in 1790 and is still dead.
- King Solomon, son of David's sons, had 300 wives and 500 porcupines.
- A myth says the mother of Achilles dipped him in the River Styx until he became invulnerable.
- The famous composer Handel was half German, half Italian and half English. He was a very large man.
- The inhabitants of ancient Egypt were called mummies. They always traveled by Camelot.
- Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the 10 Commandments.
- Sir Francis Drake circumcised the world with a 100-foot clipper.

And this dilly comes from Europe:

- King Charles was the smallest monarch in English history. He was only 4-foot-6, but I don't know if that was before or after his head was cut off.

HOLY MOSES: One child said the 10 Commandments was found on Mount Cyanide.

HIPPO HEAD STOLEN BY PRANKSTERS

Pranksters invaded a miniature golf course and fled with the head of a fiberglass hippo.

They tried to cart off a 600-pound whale at the course in Knoxville, Tenn., but apparently couldn't get it into their car.

Cops say suspect made 'tens of thousands' of obscene calls

By PETE COOKE

By figuring out who an obscene caller would dial next, clever cops tracked down a man they say made "tens of thousands of obscene and lewd phone calls to women" over the past 21 years.

Hi-speed investigation in which several obscene calls were traced back to his home and work phones.

Lt. Frank Sciaidone said Starr told detectives that he started making obscene phone calls in 1968 when he was living in Oklahoma.

The roommate, which is 80 miles east of Los Angeles, launched an investigation after receiving thousands of complaints each year.

Sciaidone said the case was cracked when detectives analyzed the caller's patterns and "figured out who his next victims would be."

Librarian throws the book at woman

Folks with overdue books at Chester, S.C., were scrambling to return them after a tough librarian signed an arrest warrant on a woman with two books that were 82 days past due.

"We've had a lot of calls from people saying, 'I'll bring the books in, but please don't put me in jail,'" said a library official.

One library patron said he wouldn't argue with the get-tough policy but added jail was a stiff punishment for an overdue book.

Baby-making beeper!

Women who hope to have babies may soon be toting around a fancy new alarm — designed to beep them when the time is right for making love.

When the device goes on the market, would-be moms will attach a tiny, battery-operated thermometer about the size of a fingernail. The thermometer will monitor the lady's temperature and send out radio signals when temperature changes show she's ovulating.

The radio's signals will set off the small alarm strapped to her waist — letting her it's baby-making time.

The Whoopee alarm was developed by scientists at Johns Hopkins University and is being hospital tested.

In England top gynecologist Dr. Jurgis Grudzinskas said the breakthrough was incredible.

"If they are accurate, safe and cause no discomfort or present no danger, they could be very useful.

"At the moment, women having difficulty conceiving are asked to take their own temperature.

"This is not as easy as it sounds," the expert said in private.

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Hospital deaths are covered up

Doctors and ambulance drivers in Naples, Italy have been accused of scrapping before to smuggle corpses out of hospitals — so families of the dead won't have to admit they died in the hospital.

In Naples, it's considered a black mark against the family when someone dies in a hospital.

So hordes of those who died there have been paying doctors and ambulance attendants to wheel out corpses while pretending they are still alive.

All undertaker-employed members of hospital staff members have been charged in the body-switching racket, including some who are charged with issuing false death certificates.

The investigation began when employees told police some patients were being wheeled out of one hospital looking like "death warmed over."

Lawnmower used in jailbreak try

Prison officials noticed quite a bit of grass clippings on the jail floor disappearing faster than usual and they soon found out the reason — inmates were using lawn mowers to mow out the cells of "tunneling."

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Bridge of horror

By PETE COOKE

An elderly man out for [illegible] stroll was killed when he got trapped on a rising drawbridge [illegible] fell [illegible] feet to his death while horrified drivers sat watching helplessly.

Officials in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., said 75-year-old Lawrence Hirschfield tried to shuffle across the bridge as it began to open, then wrapped himself around a guardrail and held on for dear life.

Witnesses at first thought the man was fishing until it suddenly became apparent that the old man was in trouble.

"People parked on the bridge were talking about it and saying," said Police Chief Cliff Oswald. "But the motorists who stopped when the drawbridge went up to let boats pass through on the Intracoastal Waterway."

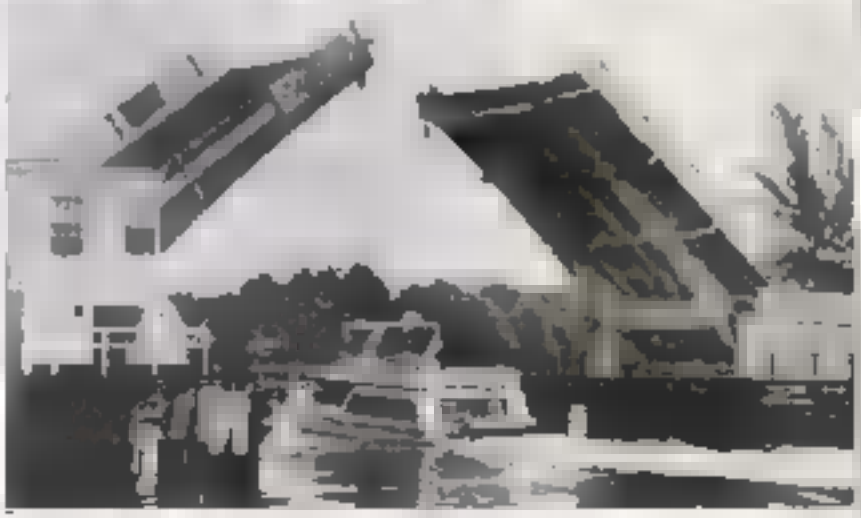
He added wryly: "Cliff said, 'He was just generally trying to get down. But when it kept going up, he was trouble. I saw him shimmying back. It was awful.'

Shocked witnesses said the old man wrapped his arms and legs around the guardrail as the bridge started to rise. [illegible] rusted cables and lights that [illegible] bridge's [illegible] from his fingertips. [illegible] fight and [illegible] 10 feet [illegible] losing his grip and [illegible] mangled on the sidewalk [illegible] feet below. Hirschfield died [illegible] shortly.

Bob DePaolo, a state Department of Transportation [illegible] operator, said the bridgetender [illegible] Hirschfield was [illegible] on the bridge [illegible] "Somebody [illegible] yelled [illegible] the bridge [illegible] operator. That was the first he heard about it.

Neil Harris, the old man's neighbor, said Hirschfield was [illegible] but that afternoon was [illegible] the tragedy struck.

A POLICE photographer shows razor-like scratch marks made by Lawrence Hirschfield on the bridge railing as he desperately clawed to stop his death plunge. The victim's body is in the bag in the background. At left, a drawbridge similar to the one on which Hirschfield met death.



Deadly hit-and-run epidemic

Hit-and-run driver Danilo Vignole was struck and killed by another hit-and-run driver, police said.

[illegible] struck by 21-year-old Daily Shuler of Plantation.

Vignole fled the accident [illegible] police said, but later stopped at the side of the highway to [illegible] up to what he did. When Shuler spotted him, he [illegible] and began to walk toward Shuler.

As Shuler opened his car door a third car slammed into the door, then plowed into Vignole, dragging him [illegible] feet along the pavement.

Rabbit eats kid's finger

Four-toddler Aimi Hodgkinson may never learn to count to 10 — because a man-eating bunny rabbit named Perry gobbled up one of her fingers like a carrot!

The ravenous rabbit had already downed part of Aimi's finger before owner Amanda White discovered what her cuddly pet was up to.

Aimi's mom Lynda had left her at Amanda's home in Peterborough, England, when the accident happened.

"I was horrified that a cuddly, fluffy rabbit, which I thought was an ideal child's pet, could eat a toddler's finger," 25-year-old Lynda said.

Will-o'-the-wisp playmates turned out to be . . .

GHOST BUDDIES!

By DICK DONOVAN

Schoolboy brothers James and John Fenner experienced a chilling encounter with two ghostly playmates — an eerie meeting which, 50 years later, still defies explanation!

It was July 1938, the last summer before the war in Europe washed on British shores, and the boys were vacationing with their parents at one of the serene seaside resorts that dot the English coast.

To 11-year-old John and 9-year-old James, that last holiday before anti-aircraft guns and barbed wire ringed the beaches was to become more than just fond childhood memories.

Today, a half-century later, they remember it.

At lunchtime on the second day of their holiday, the brothers, sunburned, sand-covered and happy, eagerly told their parents of the two playmates they had met that morning.

"They're called David and Francis," said James, now a London accountant. "They're the same age as us and they always play at the end of the beach, near the lifeboat house."

For the next several days, John and James spent most of their time with their new chums, returning home bubbling with tales of their daring exploits.

In all their stories, the Mark-- beloved David and Francis played key roles.

"They're brave," James told his mom. "They're the bravest boys I know."

One day, near the end of the summer, Mrs. Fenner was walking on the beach when the figures grew faint, then suddenly vanished, leaving only John and James.

"David and Francis had to leave," James said calmly. "They don't like meeting grown-ups."

The years passed and the happy holiday they had shared with David and Francis became only a memory — until James commenced the task of tracking down his long-lost childhood friends.

"He looked at me very strangely," James recalled. "Then he said, 'They died in 1884 five years before the war began!'"

Despite the evidence, James refused to believe that he had met ghosts. "I realized that there was a simple explanation for it," he said. "I just had to find it."

The next time he went, he handed me a clipping from an old newspaper. It reported that David and Francis had drowned in 1884 — five years before the war began!"

Poor Lucy trapped in a washing machine

Cat in a [illegible]!

By PETE COOKE

Curiosity nearly killed a cat that climbed into a washing machine to have a look around and wound up swimming for its life with a load of dirty clothes.

Maureen Perrin, a housewife from Rainham, England, said the trouble started when she was outside hanging up the laundry and Lucy, her calico cat, jumped into the washing machine to investigate.

"When I came back inside, I threw some more dirty clothes in the washing machine and turned it on," Mrs. Perrin said. "I had no idea that Lucy was inside."

The woman went on with her housework until she heard squealing coming from the washing machine.

"I looked through the window in the front of the washer and couldn't believe my eyes," she said. "There was Lucy spinning around inside.

"The poor thing looked like a drowned rat. I turned off the washer and tried to open the door but it wouldn't budge."

To her horror, Mrs. Perrin discovered that the washing machine door was locked and would remain so until the machine had run through its complete cycle. "I ran upstairs and got my 16-year-old daughter, Sarah, out of bed," Mrs. Perrin said. "When she saw Lucy, she started screaming. My husband Peter was at work and I didn't know what to do."

With her neighbor, Mrs. Perrin made a frantic attempt to unscrew the hinges on the door, but couldn't.

Finally, Mrs. Perrin called the fire department and four fire fighters managed to drain the water from the washer before removing the top of the machine to free Lucy.

"Lucy came out with just a slight scratch on her head," Mrs. Perrin said. "She was very frightened, but very clean."

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Ticket-mad meter maid wrecks funeral service

Robert Hedges' grieving family attended his funeral at a village church — then emerged to find that a hardhearted meter maid had ticketed all their cars!

Weeping mourners admitted they were in a no-parking area in front of the church in the tiny village of North Wilsham, England.

But they figured the town's only meter maid would give them a break because of the sad nature of the occasion and because there was nowhere else to park near the church where the service was held.

"We were only in there 20 minutes," said 39-year-old Hedges' son Colin. "She knew we were a funeral cortege. She could have waited."

Overexposed.

Fancy-talking flasher posed ■ undies model

By DONNA SATTMAN

A fancy-talking flasher posed as an underwear model to get into women's apartments — and then exposed himself in front of them, my cops.

Police in Madison, Wis., said Daniel Van Lah was convicted of three counts of lewd and lascivious behavior and four trespassing counts. Defense lawyers said Van Lah was innocent because his curvaceous victims invited him in to pose in sight.

Prosecutors argued Van Lah was a "sophisticated" stripper who lied to the gals to gain their confidence.

Oldster rolls over in bed and shoots himself, say cops

A 72-year-old Fort Lauderdale man who kept a pistol tucked under his pillow accidentally shot himself, cops say.

Ernest Vanderpoole told Broward County sheriff's department spokesman Al Gerdes he rolled over in bed and struck the .38-caliber revolver, causing it to go off.

Vanderpoole was listed in serious condition after surgery at Memorial Hospital in Hollywood, Fla.

Firemen told

The chiefs of 14 fire departments in Nottingham, England have demanded a cover-up of all nude pin-up posters — and they outfit their men stick-on paper undies to help get the job done!

They All Laughed When I Said I Was Going To Start My Own Business

My wife and I didn't know what I was doing ... my friends were skeptical ... and my neighbors thought I was wasting my time.

Yet I was determined to make it on a part time of my own. Sure, I wanted the extra cash coming in. But mainly, I wanted the daily satisfaction I dreamed the idea of opening the door of my own business and ...

In a part I really didn't like.

So I kept my head, and everyone else got worried. In the spare time ... right from my own at the beginning ... I chose Mail Order because I heard you could begin without experience or too much capital.

As you'll see below, it wasn't long before I realized I'd made the right choice.

Cash by Mail

My initial investment was under $10. In less than three years, I'd quit my job and was taking in up to $9,000 A DAY ... MORE THAN $3 MILLION A YEAR!

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But the real rub ... the beginning. I searched and searched for a sure mail order thing. I sold everything ... from gifts to pipe dreams before I ever ... I'd become a millionaire and a respected man under authority.

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There is no other business where you can make a fortune so quickly!

A beginner from Newark, N.J. has his first small ad in Mount Beautiful, offering an auto clothes rack. Business Week reported this has all brought in 35,000 orders. By the end of his first year in Mail Order, he had pocketed over $300,000!

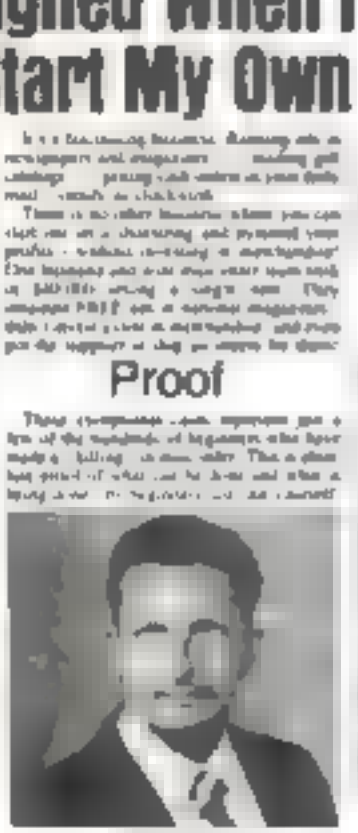
Another beginner ... a lawyer from the mid-west, sold an idea by mail in Fisherman. Spectacular, fabulous, lifetime rewards ... the world is his oyster!

In a fascinating business, dominated by no newspapers and magazines ... making gift catalogs ... paying cash orders at your daily mail ... cash in checks!

There is no other business where you can start on a shoestring and pyramid your profits ... without investing a single penny! One beginner sold over $40,000 worth of a single item. They snapped right up at newspaper suggestion. Didn't cost a cent to advertise ... and more got the support of dog go wagon by dozen.

Proof

These testimonials from beginners give a few of the hundreds of big profits they have made selling in their spare time. That's what has gotten all of us started and what a big future it holds for you and for yourself.



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Want further proof? Pick up any magazine. Notice how the same mail order ads appear month after month? That's conclusive proof that these items ads are profitable for repeated use and once again, notice that most beginners do big cash profits in their products.

The Secret

The secret of getting rich in Mail Order lies in finding winners ... things that almost sell themselves ... using other people's capital to make money "on the side."

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Your Mail Order is the fastest growing field practically business in America! And with it you people starting in the industry the income of working women ... and the continuously high cost of living ... are on the verge of the BIGGEST BOOM in Mail Order history.

Start Now

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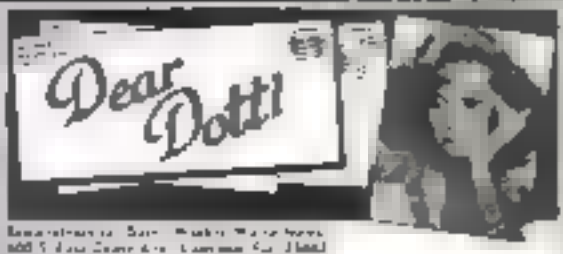
I got a shock when my live wire's wife showed up



Dear Dotti: I met this real cute salesman who is just a bundle of energy. In fact, he left me breathless, trying to keep up with him. He was always taking me to dances, nightclubs, head-spinning barbecues — if we had any. We'd hit it and paris until we closed the place.

He got this crazy quick idea loving me. There were flowers every day. He showered me with gold jewelry and got everybody in my family, even the cousins, and grandmas, dads on word cars.

I thought I'd finally found the man of my dreams, another lucky who would never jump out on me.

So, you can imagine my shock when he took me to a party and he introduced me to this lady who came up to talk to him.

This was no lady — it was his wife! He didn't even have the to get us drinks and I'm standing there with egg on my face.

His wife and I are both wearing the exact same jewelry — except she's the one with the wedding ring. He even has gotten it all whole able. I looked and felt and haven't heard from him since. Should I give back the jewelry? — Worried Gal, Rock Springs

Dear Worried Gal: You sure like it just give it to some other poor, poor soul who needs it. Then, maybe, you'll run into a guy that has a little more sense of moral responsibility than your average male dummy.

I think my fiancee loves my best pal

Dear Dotti: I live with my girlfriend who is soon to be my wife. One night last week we visited a couple we've known for years. After dinner, we sat in the den and had a few drinks and talked over old times.

In the middle of the evening, I glanced at my girlfriend and she was gazing at my best friend like he was a hunk of hamburger. I was so pissed off I didn't know what to do.

That night my girlfriend started talking in her sleep and every other word coming out of her mouth was her best friend's name. Needless to say, I didn't sleep much that night. I haven't said a word to her about it yet. How should I go about it? — Sincerely, P.O. & Missouri Resident

Dear Friends: If you have just gotten over the hump of making it to the end of the week, you're in no mood for a challenge like that, honey.

It's one month a couple down, real fast, Jody.

My foul-mouthed co-worker's no lady

Dear Dotti: One of the guys in my office has a very foul mouth.

I am a liberal. We kind of a guy has to watch his every word or get in trouble.

I've tried to be nice to him, but I can't stand him. He's always talking about sex and his body functions. He's a pig.

I've asked him to stop, but he says I'm a prude. What should I do? — Sincerely, Miss Disgusted

Dear Disgusted: Ladies, there's a rough world out there and it's up to us to show them the power we have. Don't put guys down — and tell pitchmongers back that we don't be serious.

I'm in love with a guy — and a gal

Dear Dotti: I met this very good-looking boy and I go to where he hangs out who never I see. There he sees him with another guy — and just another guy, we have had a date.

I was going to tell him off, but he hugged me and kissed me and told me he hadn't told me he was bisexual because he didn't think I would accept it.

Well, the average person probably wouldn't accept it, but I am also attracted to the same sex, although I've never been with a girl.

I told him that and he considered me to be equally what's bisexual, too. We're both very lonely and it's my age.

The problem is that I like both and should I drop one of the other or see them both? — Every Which Way I Will Love

Dear Every Which Way: Does your mother know you're out, little girl? Run on home to her bosom and keep it there until you're ready for the guys and the sexes.

Confidential

Dear Jenny Jam in Ft. Wayne, Ind.: It's true love, all right. If she can forgive you and the screen door for putting that 45-degree kink in the dog's tail.

Dear Tired Yuppie in Little Plastic Lac: Check out the bake possibilities with your local clinic. It isn't a mail order problem.

Dear Little Miss in Duluth, Minn.: Take calm or he'll tranquilize you with a 12-gauge shotgun.

LOVELINES

To Jackie Gleason in New York: Fondest birthday greetings and best wishes. — *Frog, Flippy & Fancy Brown Researcher in Florida*

To Shelly and Dan in Lyons: We remember all the good times we had. — *Hugs and Stars in Watertown, N.Y.*

To Mr. Bimbo: Ree-Ree's back will come to you. Keep building on it. Trust Ree-Ree. In Worcester, Mass.

To Terry the Relief in Princeton: It's been too many years. Please get in touch. Miss you, love you. — *Cathy and Mario in Riverside Park, Texas*

JFK chats with me every month on my Ouija board

Address your letters to Editors, Weekly World News, 600 South East Coast Ave., Lantana, FL 33462. We reserve the right to edit your letters.

Editors, I was fascinated by the story about JoAnn Trimmer, the girl who says she talks to Marilyn Monroe through her Ouija board. I'm sure there are people out there who saw that story and thought she must be some kind of nut. But I know she's not a nut — because I talk to John F. Kennedy on my Ouija board.

I am an ordinary housewife but I felt a real bond to JFK while he was President. When he died, it was like my heart had been ripped out.

Later, after months of trying without success, I managed to speak to him — and he told me that I was his sister in a past life. Ever since then, I've been speaking to Jack at least once a month through the Ouija board.

He is absolutely wonderful to talk to, warm and compassionate. When I'm down he cheers me up and when I need advice on money or family matters, he gives it to me. Anytime I call, he is there to answer me.

I haven't told this story to a lot of people — including my husband — would want to send the men in white jackets after me. But I'm not a kook, and I do call up Jack Kennedy on my Ouija board, believe it or not. — J.S., Chicago, Ill.

Next time you talk to Jack, ask him what he'll give up for Marilyn Monroe's weekend number! — Editors

Your chauvinist attitude stinks

Editors, I always suspected you were a bunch of male chauvinist pigs, and you proved it with your story in the June 14 issue that said WOMEN'S ARMPITS ARE THE NEW BREASTS.

Just who do you think you're kidding? — L.D., Salem, Ore.

Don't jump on us, lady. We just email it like it is. — Editors

Is my horoscope good for two weeks?

Editors, I have a problem and I hope you can solve it for me. Based on past experience, I know your Countess Sophia Sabak is an extremely reliable psychic and I'd love to be able to use her horoscope and lucky numbers to full advantage.

The problem is, the week I buy my Weekly World News doesn't always match the date

JO-ANN TRIMMER says she talks regularly with Marilyn Monroe via Ouija board. A reader says she talks with Jack Kennedy.

on the stand a couple of weeks in advance. So, are the horoscope and numbers good for the week I get my paper or for the date on the paper? — P.P., Seattle, Wash.

We've had a slew of letters from loyal readers asking the same question, so we've contacted the problem to Countess Sabak. This is what she said us:

"Horoscopes, generally, aren't date-specific. They're week-specific. They're written to cover any one astrologer can be certain of anywhere in the city — or even the week — that a particular event will occur, but we do our best to pinpoint a certain time frame.

"Your horoscope and lucky numbers are good for the week you buy your Weekly World News or receive it in the mail. They are accurate, so any horoscope or lucky number chart is

Buried alive!

KIDNAP victim Stephen Small, left, was buried alive in this shallow grave dug by his abductor. The businessman suffocated while buried in the makeshift coffin, where the kidnapper left him while demanding ransom from relatives.

By PETE COOKE

A man that prosecutors say "took the American dream and turned it into an Edgar Allan Poe nightmare" has been sentenced to die for kidnapping a millionaire and burying him alive.

Daniel Edwards' shocking scheme to collect a $1 million ransom from the family of Stephen Small ended when the victim suffocated in a makeshift coffin buried in the woods near Kankakee, Ill.

Small, 40-year-old businessman whose family made a fortune in newspapers, radio and cable television, was abducted last September. His body was found three days later.

"The kidnappers, Edwards and his girlfriend, Nancy Bish, got Small out of his house on a ruse," said Frank Nowicki, a member of the prosecution team. "They called him up shortly after midnight pretending to be the police and said some property he was reserving had been broken into."

Small, a great-grandson of former Illinois Gov. Len Small, was abducted when he left his house.

At 3 a.m. Small's wife, Nancy, got the first in a series of ransom calls demanding $1 million.

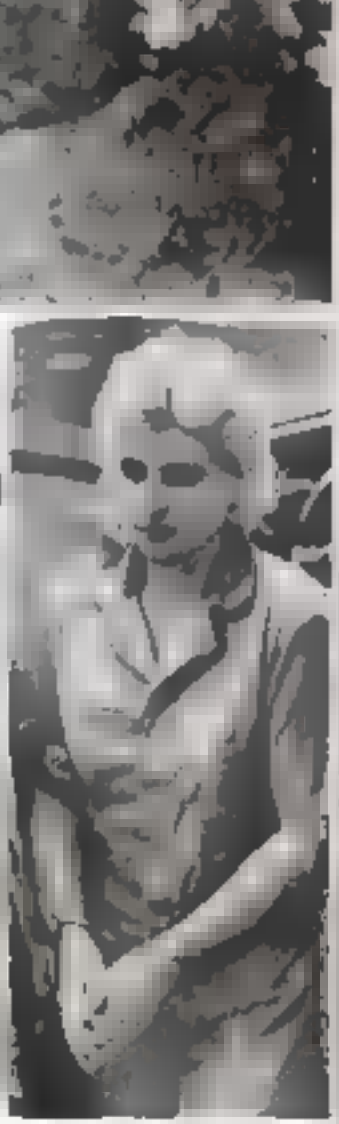
"By the time the second call came at 5 a.m., the FBI had tape and traces on the phone at the Small residence and traced the call to a small town on a rural area of Kankakee County," Nowicki said. "The town is only three blocks long and only has three outside pay phones. After the call was traced, that's where the investigation was concentrated."

But by that time Small was handcuffed and sealed inside a coffin equipped with a faulty air supply system and buried in a shallow grave in the woods.

"I've got handcuffs on and I'm inside some. I guess, a box," Small said on a tape recording the kidnapper made of the victim's voice.

Victim dies in a shallow grave as kidnapper demands ransom

CONVICTED kidnapper Daniel Edwards, center, is led into the courthouse where a judge sentenced him to die for his crime.



ALSO up for trial for the kidnapping is Nancy Bish, 26.

something, but it's no joke. I want you to get a million dollars. There's 48 hours of air for me."

On another tape a voice is heard telling Small, "If she pays the money you'll be set free. You didn't owe my face. I got nothing against you. But if you don't, you're dead. I want to get that through your head right now."

"And I won't coming back to dig you back up," the voice said. "You got two days of air and that's it and it's gonna get real stuffy in here."

Mrs. Small testified that the instructions for delivering the ransom money were garbled and the wicki and FBI agents were watching Edwards, 31, as he made the calls to Mrs. Small from a pay phone.

"The agents hoped that Edwards would lead them to Small, but he didn't," Nowicki said.

Small's body was found in the homemade coffin where he died of suffocation.

Edwards was convicted of aggravated kidnapping and murder and sentenced to die by lethal injection.

Mom sells triplets

Teenage mom Claudia Kenneally was arrested after she sold her newborn triplets for $1,500 — and then went on a clothes-buying spree.

"She exhibited no feelings of

space monsters targeting olar system, says scientist

By IRWIN FISHER

g scientist warns that a race of gi- ee-faring monsters are so powerful ould crack the earth like a nut!

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DOOMSDAY DRAGONS ARE COMING!

ARTIST'S conception of the giant dragons that a leading scientist says are capable of cracking the earth like a nut.

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"If such creatures are heading for our solar system, why do we have to assume they are coming to destroy us?" he said.

"I think it would be worth your prudent to give them the benefit of the doubt. Frankly, I don't think residing in my refrigerator, these they would have the special taste monsters will be close enough to eat us," Dr. Krueger said. "As insects as giant bees within the next 80 to 100 years. We should be ready for any possibility, including the end of life as we know it."

In spite of reported telephone calls and interviews requested, Soviet and American space and defense officials would not comment on Dr. Krueger's report.

Miracle beads turn to gold!

Prayer group believes it's the work of the Virgin Mary

Astonished members of prayer groups in California report they have been touched by miracles — as their rosary beads are transformed from silver to gold right before their eyes!

By SUSAN JIMISON

The Catholic worshipers believe the miracles are the work of the Virgin Mary and are an indication she wants the devout to turn to prayer.

"It's a call to prayer, to pray for the peace of the world," said Mary Sweeny of Penitencia, Calif. "It's a call to conversion.

"It has happened in my church, in every church I can think of in the San Francisco area. It's remarkable."

Mrs. Sweeny, a family therapist, says the beads of at least 18 rosaries in which possessors have been transformed from silver to gold. The process can happen slowly or it can happen instantly, she says.

"I was driving home from a prayer meeting with a friend and my friend pulled her rosary out of her purse," Mrs. Sweeny told The NEWS. "She said, 'I have an extra one, you can have it.' But she saw that it had turned to gold and she kept it.

"It was amazing for both of us. It was remarkable."

Since then, Mrs. Sweeny found that many of her friends have experienced the same miracle change in their rosaries.

"My rosary was in my hand and it was glowing," said fellow prayer group member Lila Somers of Novato, Calif. "It was like Mary came to me."

As news of the bizarre changes in the metal of the rosaries has spread throughout the area some experts have tried to explain it away as oxidation.

"Under certain conditions base metals will oxidize and corrode," said a jewelry store owner, Erich Hacker.

"It is a process better known as tarnishing."

But the devout insist they've been touched by the Virgin and the

CHARGED with possession of cocaine after daughter tipped off cops: Lucy Quinones.

Fifth-grader turns in her mom after seeing anti-drug program

By PETE COOKE

A fifth-grade girl who took part in a drug awareness program at school proved she'd learned her lesson by going home and turning her mother in for cocaine possession!

Authorities in Sanford, Fla., said the 10-year-old girl had just finished a week-long anti-drug program in school when she and a classmate found small packs [illegible] filled with what appeared to be cocaine in her mom's bedroom.

Lt. Don Eslinger of the Seminole County Sheriff's Office said the girl's mother, Lucy Quinones, 28, was charged with possession of cocaine and possession with intent to distribute it. Eslinger said the little girl didn't turn her mother in out of spite, but only wanted to get help for her mom.

"She didn't want that kind of life-style," the lieutenant said, adding that the little girl was "elated" after authorities stepped in.

Authorities said the youngster told investigators that after she had participated in her school's anti-drug campaign she didn't want drugs in her home.

After finding what she thought was cocaine in her mother's bedroom, the girl informed a neighbor, who called school officials who called police.

The woman faces a possible sentence of 15 years in prison if convicted, Eslinger said.

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By SUSAN JOHNSON

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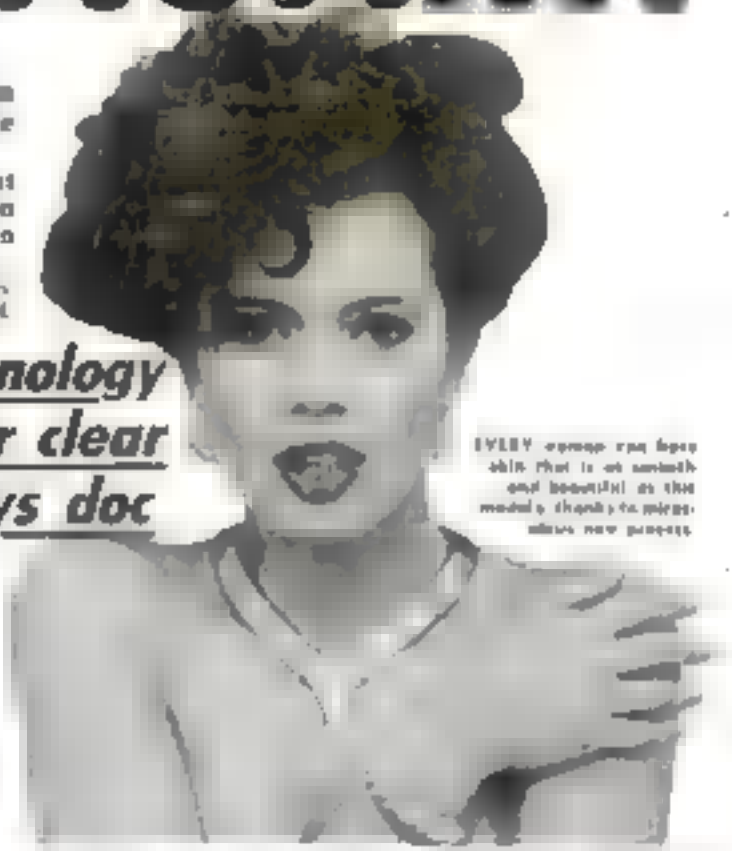
Space-age technology can restore your clear complexion, says doc



LOVELY woman can have skin that is as smooth and beautiful as this model's, thanks to miracle laser new process

Dr David, a former instructor at the University of Southern California, developed the painless technique for removing discoloration, wrinkles and scarring at his Hermosa Skin Medical Clinic in Hermosa Beach, Calif. He says it gives much better results than other methods, and restores skin to a smooth, even elasticity.

The procedure is performed in a clinic setting, and patients can return to normal activities a few hours later.

"Patients are amazingly free of discomfort," Dr. David said.

"Nobody knows why. One theory is the laser seals the nerve endings. The process helps the skin layers regenerate new cells. You get a newer, younger appearing skin because that's what it is."

Dr David says it takes a specially trained surgeon to perform laser resurfacing. He expects the procedure to be more widely available in the future.

But right now, people who are interested in it can write to Hermosa Skin Medical Clinic, 415 Pier Ave., Hermosa Beach, Calif., for information on specialists in their areas who can perform the treatment.

Miracle baby

. . . beats the odds!

Cuddly little Billy Warner is as normal and healthy as any mom could hope her baby could be, even though docs told her he was as good as dead — 14 weeks before he was born!

In fact, when Mary Warner was only 17 weeks pregnant she was urged to have an abortion because, her doctor said, her unborn baby's lungs most certainly wouldn't develop.

The odds for survival were stacked against tiny Billy while he was still in his mom's womb. For some unexplained reason, her water broke and it was believed her lungs would stop developing.

who live in Hornchurch, England, learned of a new ultrasound test that can tell which triplet babies have healthy lungs and can be saved.

"Our doctor told us there was no hope," 23-year-old Mary said. "Then he mentioned the new test at King's Hospital and we decided to give it a try.

"The doctors there discovered that the baby was perfectly normal. His lungs developed and he was born healthy. He was

Bandits swipe man's money — & his pants

Poor Enrico Barzeli had just withdrawn $4,100 from the bank when two toughs grabbed him and swiped the money — along with his pants.

Unhappy Enrico showed up at a Naples, Italy, police station in his Jockey shorts to report the robbery.

He said the hoodlums tore his pants off when he refused their demands to hand over the loot.

Laundry surprise! Newborn baby found in clothes dryer!

By SUSAN JIMISON

Apartment resident Jan Marsh went to the laundry room to use the dryer — and found a newborn baby girl nestled inside the machine!

The healthy little Fort Worth, Tex., baby was wrapped in a blue towel and was estimated to be about 8 hours old. She was rushed to a hospital where she weighed in at 4 pounds, 7 ounces and was pronounced in the pink of condition.

"You have to think that the good Lord intervened," said Fort Worth police investigator Fred Pendergrass.

"He wanted someone to find her."

Authorities say the little girl will be placed in foster care while they undertake a search for the baby's mother. The mother could be charged with abandoning and endangering a child, which carries a penalty of up to 10 years in jail.

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Piano strings save man's life

Sleeping Bessie Conner would have died in his blazing home if he hadn't been awakened by a sound that was music to his ears — the popping of the strings in his burning piano!

"I was awakened by a ping, ping, pang," Bessie said after the blaze destroyed his home in Lenoir, N.C. "It sounded like someone was playing it, but it was a high, shrill sound."

The popping of the piano strings enabled 61-year-old Bessie to escape the fire unharmed.

Do not disturb

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BOY KILLS WITH HIS EYES!

By IRWIN FISHER

The people who kidnapped gypsy [redacted] Ward may have signed their own death warrants because the boy is the seventh son of a seventh son — and can kill with a stare!

"Anyone who does the slightest harm to this boy will not live to regret it," declared John Martin, head of an international association of gypsies in Manchester, England.

"Apart from being endowed with amazing powers to heal and predict the future, he also has the power to kill."

The amazing 6-year-old boy's mother, Mary Ward, 36, is frantically awaiting word from authorities on her miraculous son's whereabouts.

She is terrified that he might suffer grave psychological harm if he is forced to injure or kill the fiends who kidnapped him, apparently to exploit his psychic powers.

"My son is a gypsy. He is the seventh son of a seventh son, and whoever took him knows that," said Mrs. Ward.

"I am sure they intend to shape his powers for evil purposes and financial gain. There is no other reason for them to have kidnapped him."

Top researcher Richard Stevens can vouch for the boy's astonishing powers. In scientific tests conducted in 1987, he saw the boy kill laboratory rats just by looking at them.

He also documented the young man's ability to control the sick and predict the future.

"He is an extraordinary person," said the expert. "There is no doubt in my mind that he could injure or kill his kidnappers if he so chooses."

As the search for the boy continues, a High Court judge has issued an unprecedented order for the kidnappers to return him at once. He also signed warrants for the arrest of the child's 18-year-old sister and her husband, who allegedly have information about his disappearance.

"Please bring my baby back," pleaded Mrs. Ward, "before he is forced to do something everyone will regret.

"If he becomes upset or the kidnappers frighten him, my little fireball might lash out at them — and strike them dead with a glare."

Astonishing child falls victim to kidnappers

. . . but mom warns they'll pay with their lives

Big shark was not so great

A one-ton great white shark wasn't such a great catch after all, according to a seafood broker who sold the monster for just $800.

Dino Lauro, manager of Catalina Brothers Seafoods in Los Angeles, said he expected to get $1,600 from the sale of the shark caught off San Clemente Island.

He had to settle for $800 offered by a collector who wanted the great white's jaws.

FREAK FIRE

A motorist suffered minor burns when sunlight magnified by his windshield set fire to a box of matches, which ignited the upholstery of his car, police in Wareham, England, report.

Cops: Woman chops beau to bits — for mistreating cat

By JACK ALEXANDER

Cat lover Lori McLuckie was furious when her boyfriend slammed her favorite feline against a wall so she killed the man and then cut his body into little pieces, say stunned police.

Denver detectives have the kitchen knife used in the attack, but can't find the butchered boyfriend's right foot and part of his thigh.

had punished the woman's TV screen and threw her cat against the wall," said police detective John Wycoff.

The angry cat owner was jailed without bond on a first-degree murder charge, accused of stabbing Bigil and dismembering his body, he said.

"We got a tip that Miss McLuckie was trying to find someone to help her dispose of a body," said Wycoff. "So we sent officers to her apartment."

Cops found the victim's torso and head on a piece of plastic paper on the floor, said Wycoff. Other body parts wrapped in plastic bags were found in surrounding neighborhood dumpsters.

the attack, but we're still missing a couple of parts of the victim," said detective Lt. Tom Raney.

Other than telling detectives what Bigil did to her cat and TV screen, the suspect, who is pregnant, has given police few details of the incident, said Raney.

Authorities say they aren't looking for anyone else to connection with the gruesome slaying.

"We feel we have the guilty person locked up," said Wycoff. "That rules out other suspects."

The cat survived its slam-bang encounter with the wall, but suffered injuries

Suspect's slip of the tongue wrecks his case

It was more like a fast in the mouth than a slip of the tongue when a robbery suspect blabbed in court that he was at the scene of the holdup.

Jeffrey Johnson Sr. was defending himself at a hearing when Delaware State Police Detective Ronald Wolslow inadvertently referred to the victim — Georgia Wright — as a witness.

"What are you talking about, your witness, man?" asked Johnson. "There was only one and her in the store."

"I rest my case," said Deputy Atty. Gen. Timothy Barnes.

Mrs. Wright said a knife-wielding bandit walked into the Wilmington gas station where she was employed and emptied the till, according to Wolslow's testimony. She identified Johnson as the robber, the detective said.

Johnson was acting as his own lawyer after rejecting representation by a public defender because he said he didn't trust anyone.

But the robbery charge hung in the favor of his warrior. Johnson also is accused of stabbing his wife to death a few hours after the gas station heist.

Johnson was found by cops in the bathroom of his apartment with a minor stab wound on one wrist. His dead wife, Linda, was in a nearby bedroom.

Judge Arthur F. DiGiaimo bound Johnson over for trial on charges of first-degree murder, first-degree robbery and two counts of possession of a deadly weapon.

Finder of lost cat demands 'ransom'

Court clerk Ladd Sutherland was outraged when a man contacted him to say he'd found his lost cat — then demanded $500 for the pet's safe return!

"I feel it's analogous to kidnapping," said Sutherland, 44, of Seattle, Wash.

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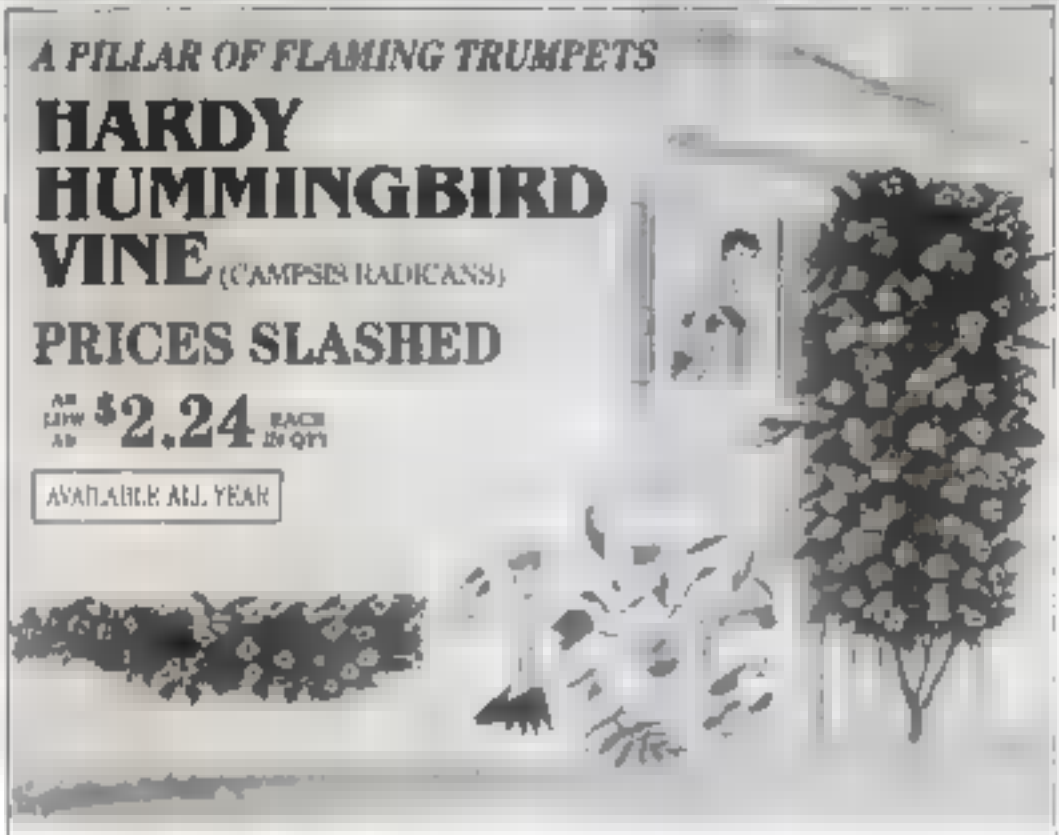

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"I climbed into the box and got wedged in so tight I couldn't move," the lovely magician told reporters on Britain's Isle of Wight.

"I failed to vanish on cue and then I couldn't get out. It was a crazy scene.

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Deputy Dave was ordered to go on a crash diet.

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WOMAN TALKS NON-STOP FOR 46 YEARS

By IRWIN FISHER

Else Jensen has talked non-stop since 1942. It's not that she's trying to break any records. Doctors say she suffers from a neurological condition that makes it impossible for her to shut up — even for a second!

"It's a fascinating case," Dr. Leif Holst told reporters in Farsund, Norway. "Miss Jensen would give anything to rest her mouth and throat but she can't.

"She talks whether anybody is listening or not. She even talks in her sleep!"

She even yaks in her sleep!

The 60-year-old woman's tribulations began when she came down with a high fever 46 years ago on April 15. The [illegible] the time she got well she found herself talking a blue streak. And she hasn't stopped yet. In the course of a recent interview she seldom actually talked about politics, religion, the weather, her family, her doctor and her dog.

Miss Jensen pauses only to answer direct questions and catch her breath. Then she starts in on a new topic and just keeps going.

"People don't imagine what I'm going through," said Miss Jensen. "But they can get some idea if they try to [illegible] as fast as they can without stop[illegible] for an hour. I'm sure they'd be completely exhausted if they don't run out of things to say they'll stop from fatigue.

"I can't remember the last time I [illegible] felt anything but tingling in my jaws. They've been numb since the 1900s."

Doctors have prescribed hypnosis, drugs and psychotherapy for Miss Jensen, but to no avail.

A Dutch neurologist has said that he might be able to help her with brain surgery. But he offers no guarantees — and warns that the operation might kill her.

"I don't want to talk all the time but I don't want to die either," said the woman. "I suppose I'll have to do something.

"I'll have to make some kind of decision soon."

Meanwhile, the woman survives on the trust fund left by her deceased parents and gets up to her old tricks. Friends say it is not that she gets plenty of companionship.

And she wants to be left alone — not bored — so keeps herself occupied when nobody's around.

"Sometimes I'll [illegible] rhythms or tell myself knock-knock jokes to give my mind a rest," said Miss Jensen. "You never really know how the [illegible] will [illegible] keeps me from going crazy."

Gals say they'd wed same man, reveals new poll

Eight-eight percent of wives still love their husbands and would march down the aisle with them again, says an amazing new poll. The *Ladies' Home Journal* survey of 806 gals showed that 7 percent would not re-marry their mates. But many were complimented at having nothing in common with their spouses.

Topsy-turvy toro

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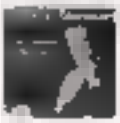

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POP-TOP SURPRISE!

Canned beverages safer than water from your faucet

By SUSAN JIMISON

Some of the safest drinking water around is right at your neighborhood grocery store — in cans of soda and beer.

According to experts, water that is used in making these popular beverages must be as pure (it is almost like distilled water, even though originally it might have been drawn straight from the tap.

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Janitor collects 13 human heads

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A VIRUS threatened to wipe out the population of Mars 175 years ago, says expert

AFRICAN TRIBE CAME FROM MARS!

MARTIAN TRIBE MEN "There are two sexes," says Dr Ingmar Winsted, "and only one kind of tongue."

MAP shows site of Martian colony east of the city of Kisangani in Zaire.

By RAGAM DUNN

Scientists claim to have found a jungle tribe that came from Mars 175 years ago — in 1812!

At least three of these original extraterrestrial colonists are said to be alive.

And according to reports, their spaceship is still hidden in undergrowth in the wilderness of their settlement east of Kisangani, Zaire.

"This is the scientific find of the century," Dr Ingmar Winsted told reporters in Berne, Sweden.

"The extraterrestrials have totally acclimated themselves to a primitive jungle existence in Africa. And yet they still possess the knowledge and technology to travel through space and colonize other planets."

The expert said he and half a dozen colleagues discovered the 50 Martian tribesmen on a routine study of Zairian cultures in late April.

The extraterrestrials were secretive and standoffish at first.

But they eventually began to trust the scientists and showed them the rusted remains of a silver, crescent-shaped starship, he said. The tribe's historian reportedly said that 20 colonists fled Mars in 1812 to escape a virus that threatened to wipe out the entire Martian race.

"The Martian tribesmen are black and look just like humans with the exception of their eyes, which are completely white," said Dr Winsted.

"They wear a headband for beauty and status. They use the clasp on an adornment for their bodies and as designs for their homes.

"They speak a typical African dialect among themselves, but sophisticated with us in both Swedish and English.

"The aliens told us we were welcome in their settlement as long as we did not interfere in their internal affairs or primitive way of life."

Just why the extraterrestrial chose to live as savages in the jungle isn't clear. But Dr Winsted believes it might be a kind of revolt against the highly technical, impersonal lives they and their ancestors had on Mars.

"They still have detailed maps of Mars and our solar system," he continued. "But they made it clear to us that too much discussion of their past was off limits.

"Their background is something they can't or won't bring themselves to talk about in detail."

Dr. Winsted said he and his associates plan to return to the village no later than August and publish a full scientific report — with photographs — by December.

Colony established in 1812

Sleeping drunk crushes baby, say cops

By JACK ALEXANDER

Cops say Javier Juarez was passed out when he fell into a bed to sleep off a drunk — and crushed a sleeping, 2-week-old baby.

Infant Carlos Rodriguez died 15 hours after the bizarre incident of a severely fractured skull, crushed face and shoulder. Juarez, 29, was charged with

with injury to a child and jailed on $10,000 bond.

The infant was asleep in a bed with his 18-month-old brother and 3-year-old sister in a baby-sitter's Fort Worth, Tex., apartment.

"Juarez lived at the apartment with the sitter and two other adults," said police detective Ed Neal. "He was extremely intoxicated and fell into the bed.

"He had a cast on his right arm and the damage to the baby," he said. "We feel he knew the baby was in the bed after he laid down."

The 23-year-old sitter rushed into the bedroom about 30 minutes later and found the crushed infant on the floor, said Neal. His brother, Christopher, was wedged between the mattress and bed springs, he said. Their sister, Kristal, was still asleep in the bed.

Juarez allegedly had had a lot to drink after work, according to Neal. The tragedy occurred about 1 a.m.

"Juarez at first told us he hadn't slept in that bed, but that's where we found him when we went to the apartment to investigate," said Neal.

No charges were filed against the sitter or her children at the time Juarez was arrested at 7 p.m., but went for a drink after work, according to Neal. The tragedy occurred about 1 a.m.

"Juarez at first told us he hadn't slept in that bed, but that's where we found him when we went to the apartment to investigate," said Neal.

No charges were filed against the

LAWSUIT claims phys ed teacher Kenny Wurst used "cruel punishment" to keep boy from sucking his thumb.

To keep 7-year-old boy from sucking his thumb . . .

Phys ed teacher tied up student, says kid's mom

By JACK ALEXANDER

An angry mom claims a teacher punished her thumb-sucking son by ordering his hands tied behind his back — while the kid's classmates poked fun at him.

Mary Ann Browning alleges phys ed teacher Kenny Wurst and a teacher's aide were responsible for the "unreasonable and cruel punishment."

In the lawsuit filed in Hall Cnty., the distraught mother claims her son, 7 was at first forced to run laps as punishment for sucking his thumb. The little boy ran several laps around the school track in his underwear and stop sucking his thumb or his hands would be tied behind his back. When the youngster sucked his thumb again, Wurst ordered the aide to tie the boy's hands behind his back, according to the suit.

Mrs. Browning claims in the suit that her son was held up to ridicule by his 20 classmates, who teased and taunted him while his hands were tied.

Wurst denies all the allegations in the suit. Other school officials declined to comment on the charges pending the filing of an answer in Fannin County District Court.

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Every day 230,000 babies are born into the world — or about 150 every minute.

"There is urgent need for action," said the UN Population Fund report. "World population, now over 5 billion, will be 6 billion by the end of the century."

Kid's remark a grave mistake?

The Cincinnati Enquirer chronicles the cute things kids say in the column "From A Child's Viewpoint." Here's a submission from mom Betty Jo Hertz of Lebanon, Ohio:

"We were taking a ride in the country with our two girls and in passing a cemetery, the 3-year-old asked the 5-year-old, "What are those metal with the writing on them?"

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"Every lawyer thinks he can sell his client on suing," said Applebaum.

But negotiations break down when he finds a trial date slipping up at the front of his desk calendar and that's what we see here far.

He can rent a pelvic bone, pick up leg or arm or a leg to move in front of the jury while selling and screaming about his client's pain and suffering, then drop it off on his way back from court."

RAUL DUGGERY: Stephen Applebaum prepares to sell or rent this handsome fellow.

By HENRY WEBB

GHOSTS SHOW UP AT TOWN'S SHINDIG — EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT!

As many as 600 ghosts party with their relatives and descendants in a European village every Saturday night, the people who live there claim.

"This is nothing new — it's been going on for years," farmer Karl Spohr told reporters in Regen, West Germany.

"Our ancestors come to town hall to dance and drink like everybody else. It's a tradition. People here don't give it a second thought."

The alleged phenomenon made headlines after paranormal researcher Hermann Hinodt spent six weeks in Regen and announced that "something otherworldly is definitely going on."

Although he never saw any of the ghosts himself, he shot videos of the town's Saturday night shindigs — and the spectres showed up on tape.

"It's unbelievable footage," said the expert. "The tapes show ghosts — hundreds of them — drinking and dancing with themselves and the villagers.

"I submitted them to university experts to prove they weren't doctored. They were absolutely stunned by the results."

One of those experts, Dr. Sign Wilz, said the videos appear to be genuine. But he wants to analyze them further before issuing a final opinion on the tapes.

"The spectres appear in the classic form of ghosts — you can actually see through them and they appear to be there and not there at once," he said.

Peter Spitz, a 58-year-old Regen banker, said eyewitnesses have become such an integral part of this town's life that even the dead are compelled to attend.

"This is our party. We wish outsiders would stay away."

The villagers themselves think nothing strange about the parties and the ghostly guests.

"Only outsiders materialize on Saturday night only," he said. "But the parties are a tradition that goes back 300, maybe 300 years.

"It's possible that they are able to see them. It is as if they never died," said a villager.

Publicity has enticed thousands of Europeans to travel to the town in the hope of seeing a ghost. But so far, most if not all have been disappointed.

"Only relatives and descendants of the spirits can see them," said farmer Spohr. "They come to have fun and socialize with their kin. They aren't interested in putting on a show for

. . . and poltergeist party is captured on video

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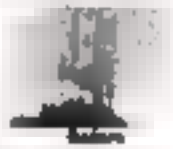

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Burglar dies in vat of sizzling hot grease

By JACK ALEXANDER

A burglar was fried alive when he squeezed through an exhaust vent into a restaurant and got stuck — with his feet dangling in a vat of sizzling hot grease.

Police in Memphis, Tenn., said Dennis Johnson may have suffered in agony for up to five hours before dying of asphyxiation.

"He got wedged in there and his feet dropped down into that hot grease," said Police Lt. Earl Gassiby.

"He couldn't get up and he couldn't get down. His feet looked like a couple of crispy drumsticks."

Johnson, 34, climbed into the fried chicken joint final restaurant through the roof-top exhaust vent sometime after 5 a.m., said Gassiby.

"He apparently slithered down the vent until his feet sank in the hot grease and he tried to climb up higher but couldn't," said Gassiby.

The vat of grease was a bubbling hot 400 degrees when restaurant employees arrived at 8 a.m. and found Johnson the evening. "Johnson suffered third-degree burns on his feet and ankles," said Gassiby.

"The pain must have been unbearable."

But medical examiner H.C. Smith said the fiery grease didn't kill Johnson. "But it certainly contributed to his death. By being wedged in the vent it compressed his chest and he wasn't able to breathe," said Smith.

"He died of apparent asphyxiation."

Shocked employees found the dead burglar when they opened for business in the morning.

Fried alive!

Whiz kid

Boy was too young to get a job so he started his own business

By RAPE MUNROE

Thirteen-year-old Lionel von Szamvald was so miffed when he couldn't get a job at a grocery or McDonald's because he was too young that he started his own business — and now has four college students working for him.

The clever youngster did what any businessman worth his salt does — he saw a need and filled it.

Lionel's company is called Dial A Diaper. He now serves over 100 happy clients getting diapers and other baby supplies that moms suddenly run out of and don't have time to go out and get.

"I saw a need that I could fill," said Lionel, of Delray Beach, Fla.

If a mommy can't deliver milk, who couldn't someone deliver diapers?"

Like all companies, Lionel started out his baby business small.

He would shop for baby products and then deliver to a neighborhood couple or [illegible] like. He charged 10 percent extra.

But the grandmothers who lived nearby complained so he began a vigorous advertising campaign.

Lionel knocked on doors, passed out fliers and left business cards.

The results is a baby boom and Lionel's business boomed with it. Soon he had more job requests — more than he could handle alone.

"I got overwhelmed," he said. "I hired some college kids."

Like other business owners, Lionel keeps "track of accounts and [illegible]

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Burned-up hubby roasts his ex-wife!

A funeral home maker's attempt at committing the perfect crime went up in smoke when a bucket of ashes led to his conviction in the murder of his ex-wife.

Cops in Wichita, Kans., said Randy Pisletti, a 29-year-old funeral home worker, told them the ashes were those of a dog he'd cremated when they asked him about the disappearance of his ex-wife, Karen Baile.

Authorities said Pisletti put his ex-wife was embroiled in a bitter fight over custody of their 3-year-old daughter at the time the woman was killed.

On the night of her disappearance, Karen Baile told friends she was supposed to meet Pisletti at a restaurant, where her car was later discovered.

Mary Kessinger, a friend of Pisletti, said he talked to her about plans to kidnap and kill his wife.

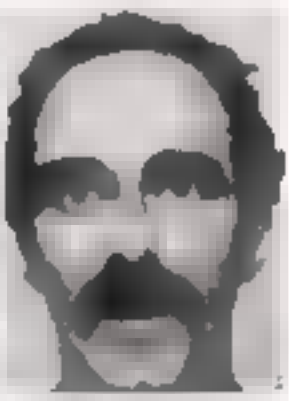
"He said all he had to do was grab her and put her in the van and take her up to the mortuary and cremate her," Miss Kessinger said.

Donald Bremer, who worked at Lakeview Funeral Home with Pisletti, said that even though Pisletti's duties didn't involve cremations he asked a lot of questions about operating the crematorium.

Pisletti left the funeral home for about 30 minutes on the night of his ex-wife's disappearance and came back with a rod over his eye and scratches on his hand, according to Bremer.

The next [illegible] Bremer said he called [illegible] to ask why the cremation was [illegible] and Pisletti claimed that he'd used it to cremate a friend's dog. The ashes were

By PETE COOKE



PUNERAL home employee Randy Pisletti faces life in prison for ex-wife's slaying.

dog Pisletti appeared at Miss Kessinger's home and told her he was leaving a bucketful of rags in her garage.

But later when she looked and saw what appeared to be cremated human remains in the bucket the woman called police.

When he was questioned, Pisletti said the ashes were those of a friend's dog, but added, "Even if the remains are human, you won't be able to prove they're Karen's."

Medical experts, however, determined that the remains were those of a 29-year-old woman, matching the description of Pisletti's missing ex-wife.

Jurors deliberated just two hours before finding him guilty. He faces a maximum sentence of life behind bars.

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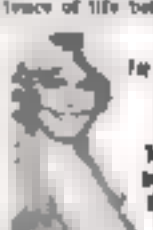

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Husband dies saving his wife from knife-wielding attacker

Heroic husband Steve Petit was stabbed to death when he rescued his pretty young bride from a would-be rapist who had broken into their home.

By SUSAN Jimison

The 31-year-old man was stabbed to ribbons with a six-inch hunting knife as he struggled with a man he found assaulting his wife in his 32 Maple Court, Dallas.

Police say Petit, who had returned home from work to find the rape attempt in progress — died instantly from his wounds.

It was typical of him to do something like that," Petit's brother Mark told The NEWS. He just jumped right in to help her. He would have done the same for anyone.

Petit was on the job as a newspaper reporter when he decided to call his pretty wife Valerie and go home to share lunch with her. What he got there he opened the door to a nightmare.

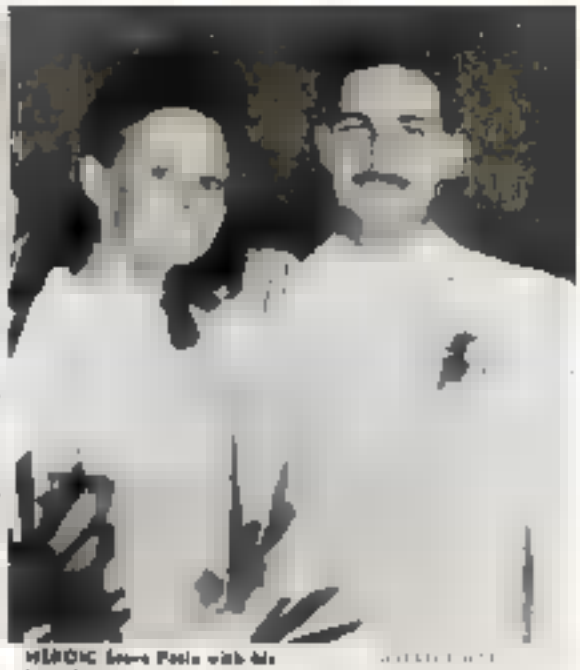
Petit found his terrified wife inside and in the clutches of a stranger who was armed with a knife she had been fooled into opening the door for.

Valerie told police that Petit was dead and the assailant had escaped. But cops say they found papers that she had dropped during the struggle with Petit and identified them as belonging to David Arash Wardlaw, 26, the owner of a medical supply shop on Harlow Lane.

Wardlaw was arrested at Parkland Hospital shortly after midnight. He is being held in the Dallas County Jail under $100,000 bond.

Valerie Petit said police she had witnessed the door to her attacker following he was her husband. The man then forced his way in.

"He pulled a knife and started for me to take off her clothes," said Ed Perkins, a spokesman for the 32 Capers Police Department.



HEROIC Steve Petit with his bride Valerie on their wedding day. The courageous husband died rescuing her from a knife-wielding attacker.

Preacher harassed woman, cops say

Police charged a Baptist preacher with harassing a woman by repeatedly calling her and asking her to pose for photographs in revealing undies.

The Rev. William Joseph Sword, pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church in Wylie, Tex., was released on $200 bond, said Jay Kenik, a spokesman for the Dallas County sheriff's office.

The preacher phoned Ellen Logan of Garland, Tex., the police said. Her husband, police said, posed for him after the complained and later calls were traced to Sword's church.

Sword declined to comment when the charges were made public at the church by The NEWS. "The Lord's been good to both of us, Agent Mark" he said to the reporter.

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Mar. 21-Apr. 19

A creative spark could ignite some significant changes in your life if you have the courage to follow your instincts and trust your own judgment instead of relying on others.

First improvement note proves to be extremely important in the week ahead and you would be wise to pay close attention to your well-timed Aries intuition.

An unusual offer might be presented to you in the very near future and you should stay alert.

TAURUS

Apr. 20-May 20

All signs indicate that an exciting new challenge is likely to come your way in the week ahead. Trust your common sense and you will definitely succeed.

A typical Taurus stubborn streak could lead to big trouble. Avoid senseless problems by making a real effort to be more objective.

You may be temporarily confused when long-standing plans are suddenly disrupted, but you can get things back on track quickly with help from a friend.

GEMINI

May 21-June 20

The hardships and woes you've been forced to deal with should soon fade into oblivion and a significant upswing in personal happiness appears headed your way. You've had to suffer more than your share, but the good times are coming.

Keep a stiff upper lip and hang on to your Gemini cheerfulness. It will help you over some unexpected hurdles.

Single out a trusted friend and unload problems you've been keeping to yourself.

CANCER

June 21-July 22

Make every effort to get a firm grip on those qualities of your personality that may be stifling achievement of your cherished goals. Truly become master of your destiny.

Someone out there is trying to make contact. Use your magnetic Cancerian psychic power to start the way.

Allow an ear to interfere this week with your determination to achieve financial independence. You're on the right track and it's only a matter of time. Believe that!

LEO

July 23-Aug. 22

It's time to kick up your heels a little, Leo. Make your friends and loved ones appreciate your quiet strength. It's time to let them see your lighter side.

It's also a good time to do some of those chores you've been postponing. Just puttering about in the yard will help you get back to nature.

It's a good time for a little risk in financial affairs. Splurge on a luxury item, begin saving or the stock market. There are few money rewards without risk!

VIRGO

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

A recent full moon has shined favorably on you, Virgo. Use your self-perceived glow to an advantage this week. Turn on that charm! You've been hiding it because of some grudges you have been carrying around.

It would do you good to sneak off some afternoon to see a movie. Meet a friend or loved one and pick a flick with some depth.

It'll help clear your mind of problems that are blocking your natural creativity.

LIBRA

Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Go get 'em, Libra! The stars say this is a week for action. Plunge ahead on that special project you've been dawdling with and meet new challenges head-on.

Don't get rocky, but spruce your mind with Dome in authority. Your words carry extra weight now. A favor from a stranger could help with a problem that's been bugging you for a long time.

Don't take chances late in the week. There's trouble lurking in the shadows.

SCORPIO

Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Something you see on television or hear on the radio could get your creative juices flowing this week and provide a key to your financial independence. But your Scorpio moodiness and inconsistency could put the kibosh on everything if you're not on your toes.

Someone close to you could be touchy and difficult to deal with now. Choose your words carefully.

You may be tempted to gamble with something you really treasure. Don't do it!

SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

The week ahead can be a winner if you will look on the bright side and maintain your self-confidence. The tough sledding of the past few weeks is behind you.

Be especially attentive to new acquaintances over the next few days. One of them will prove helpful to your career in the future.

The color yellow can be lucky for you this week and the number 9 could figure into some financial gain for you in the near future. Be alert to opportunity.

CAPRICORN

Dec. 23-Jan. 19

Congratulate an Aquarius this week, Capricorn — your planets indicate this is an excellent time to make monetary gains.

An uncomfortable personal situation may make dealings with a friend or family member difficult. Your Capricorn concern for others should carry you through.

If you're looking frisky, this is an excellent time to ignore quiet energy in a long-term project. Take up a hobby or work to strengthen your prospects for the future.

If your birthday is this week . . .

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Someone you love will suffer a personal defeat during the fall and need your comfort and advice. Your own

AQUARIUS

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Use your mind instead of your emotions in managing your social life. Your head usually is on straight in business matters, but gets kind of sideways in personal relationships.

Be ready to grab a profitable financial opportunity that may come your way in the near future. Get sound advice from experts before dealing and rush.

You have imaginative talent that isn't being used. This could be the

PISCES

Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Your natural Pisces sensitivity to other people's problems is admirable, but has caused you too many sleepless nights. Better do something about it.

Don't be too embarrassed or shy to express your feelings to a special person in your life. Let him or [redacted] know how you really care.

You may [redacted]ipated this week to throw good money after bad. Beware of people who would try to borrow you into a decision. Don't fall

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Accidental Discovery May End Obesity

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SWEDEN— Medical researchers at the University of Kungen, in Finland, have discovered (accidentally) a new weight-loss formula. The new discovery enables an overweight individual to lose pounds and fatty tissue without dieting or exercise.

Scientists made the discovery while searching for a formula to lower cholesterol. In a study of a test group, cholesterol levels remained unchanged but the doctors were astounded to find that every person who used the formula lost weight. The published report of this study stated, "A highly significant decrease in body weight was seen" in patients who received the formula.

The formula was then tested in Sweden at Sahlgren Hospital, University of Goteborg, Again, all patients lost a substantial amount of weight even though they did not change their eating habits. The report detailing the study published in the British Journal of Nutrition, stated "Body weight was significantly reduced even though the patients were specifically asked not to alter their dietary habits." One patient in the study lost more than 30 pounds.

According to one informed source, the active ingredients stem from a 100% natural botanical source and contains no drugs or stimulants. When taken before mealtime it binds with the food you eat and "traps" calories, preventing their absorption.

A significant portion of the calories ingested therefore pass through the digestive system undetected. The body has to get energy to replace the lost calories, so it starts to burn stored fat. The result is rapid body weight loss. Extensive clinical tests have verified the safety of this formula for long term use.

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Grieving relatives blow gasket when . . .

BODY MIX-UP PUTS WRONG CORPSE IN CASKET

By JACK ALEXANDER

Grief-stricken relatives of Thomas Kagan were horrified when they saw a stranger laid out in his coffin — and then heard Kagan had been cremated in a very bizarre body mix-up

The corpse in Kagan's casket was William Gormley, who was supposed to be cremated but escaped the oven because of the switched goof

Both Kagan, 68, and Gormley, 73, were pronounced dead at a New Haven, Conn., hospital hours apart on the same day and later taken to Sisk Brothers Funeral Home

Undertaker Patrick Sisk blamed Yale-New Haven Hospital for the incredible blunder claiming they mixed up the name tags

No way, say bigwigs at the prestigious hospital

Gormley was declared dead and identified with a tag at 4:10 a.m. — nearly five hours before Kagan even entered the hospital, said a hospital spokesman

The two bodies were never together in the hospital emergency room where name tags are tied to the toes of the deceased before taken to the morgue, said the hospital

Correct identities of both men have been verified by the hospital morgue staff and by state assistant medical examiner Dr. Hanna Goldstein said the hospital

The bodies were never to gather in the morgue before they were picked up by separate funeral home vehicles arriving to the hospital

While Gormley was being declared out at Kagan's favorite spot at the mortuary, Kagan was headed out to the East Haven Cemetery and reduced to a pile of ashes

"It was a case of one of the incredible error until Kagan's family filed into the funeral home to pay their last respects

And then, you might say, all hell broke loose

Kagan's heartbroken relatives have filed a complaint with the state Department of Health Services, who is investigating the foul-up

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Wife fakes kidnap to get loot, say cops

By JACK ALEXANDER

Cops said a greedy wife faked her kidnapping to get half of a $10 million prize she thought her hubby had won.

But Khairual Shafiq and her husband, Parmjit Singh, didn't read the fine print when they received a Publishers Clearinghouse letter saying, "You have won $10 million." They hadn't won a dime.

While the husband, 32, dreamed of a life of luxury for his wife and their three kids, she was laying other plans, said police in Hempstead, N.Y.

She slipped out of their home while Singh was asleep and called him the next day. She claimed she'd been kidnapped by six people, who wanted $250,000 ransom, said Nassau County Police Detective Michael Connaughton. "Eventually, the ransom demand swelled to $1 million," said Connaughton — half of the non-existent winnings.

The trusting hubby never doubted his wife was in grave danger, but police did. "We were skeptical. Still, we treated it as a kidnapping," said Connaughton.

Khairual's cruel hoax ended when police traced one of the phone calls to the home of Albert Bovkun, 34, her boyfriend for the last six months, said cops. "She was safe and sound. There had been no kidnapping," said Connaughton.

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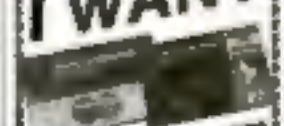

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Minnie raped!

Three men jailed for attack on woman dressed like famed mouse

By JACK ALEXANDER

In what an outraged judge described as a "disgusting and contemptible" crime, three men were sent to prison for raping Minnie Mouse.

"It was a horribly vicious act," said prosecutor Charles McGinty.

"They were like a pack of wild animals hungry for sex."

The drunken brutes were celebrating an upcoming wedding on Halloween night in 1985 when they saw a hitchhiker dressed like Minnie Mouse alone on a road near Vancouver, B.C.

"Instead of taking the woman dressed as Minnie to where she wanted to go, they drove her to a remote area and assaulted her repeatedly," said McGinty.

After the brutal attack, the

VICTIM of brutal assault was dressed like famous Disney character Minnie Mouse.

rapists were taking the 26-year-old victim back to town when she realized she had left some clothing at the scene of the assault.

The three suspects drove her back for the clothes and raped her two more times, said McGinty. Later, they dropped her off at a friend's house.

The three men — Donald Cromarty, 24, Donald Fratters, 28, and Dean Cromarty, 26 — were convicted of rape and unlawful confinement in 1986 and sentenced to three years in prison.

But an appeal court overturned the conviction, ruling the trial judge was too influential. Later, the suspects pleaded guilty to sexual assault.

Donald Cromarty and Fratters were sentenced to two years less a day in prison. Dean Cromarty was sentenced to 18

GAMBLER John Case laughed as hard when he drew a full house in a poker game that his skull popped off. Nuts stitches where doctors repaired the damage.

Dying farmer whispers clue to $millions

By IRWIN FISHER

A farmer who died after finding a $100 million treasure buried in Arizona left only one clue to its whereabouts — the word "crimson."

"What does it mean? If I knew that, I'd be a rich man today," Dr. Dwayne Thanes told reporters in Frontiera, Mexico.

"The only thing I am sure of is that the treasure does exist. Luis de Valdez was an honest man. He said he found three

Arizona canyon and I believe him."

According to Dr. Thanes, de Valdez illegally crossed the border into America dozens of times before true owners killed him in April.

It was on one such trip, he added, that the 69-year-old man with golden Spanish coins. The old farmer took what he could carry but most of the treasure remains where he found it, said the physician.

"Before Luis died he gave me some coins, which have been authenticated as genuine," said Dr. Thanes.

"If there are, indeed, six chests of them the treasure could easily be worth $100 million."

De Valdez was reportedly

where the coins were located when he died. The last word he uttered, said the doctor, was "Crimson."

Dr. Thanes said he will travel to Arizona later this summer to search for the golden treasure. Not surprisingly, Mexican press reports say dozens of people — including a professional treasure hunter from Mexico City — are trying to beat him to it.

And like Dr. Thanes, they are said to be scouring history

He got so tickled the top of his skull blew off

MEET THE MAN WHO LAUGHED HIS HEAD OFF!

By JOE STRAUS

Jubilant gambler John Foul was so tickled over a winning poker hand that he roared with delight — and literally laughed his head off!

Good-natured John guffawed so hard when he got a full house that he tore open an old fracture and blew the top of his skull right off.

His flabbergasted pals rushed him to a hospital, where astonished surgeons stuck his skull back together with glue and stitched him up.

"They say everybody talks about laughing their head off but I made history — because I actually did it," the happy-go-lucky laborer said from his hospital bed in Liverpool, England.

"But there has to be an easier way to make your mark in the world. My head hurt so bad it felt like it was coming off. And sure enough, it was."

Shocked docs said John had apparently been left with a narrow fissure in his skull when he tumbled from a bridge as a boy.

"They think he must have had a weakness there near the top of his head for years and not really realized it," his worried wife Sandra told reporters.

"They said this wouldn't have happened to most people — just to my Johnny."

Gambler drew winning hand & broke into uncontrollable laughter!

The mind-blowing mishap took place as easygoing John, 32, and several co-workers were playing penny-ante poker at a friend's home.

"I had been doing bloody rotten," he recalled. "I just wasn't getting the cards. Then suddenly they dealt me a full house, queens and aces. I played my hand and started raking in the pot.

"I was so happy to have taken one at last that I tossed my head back and started to laugh — and that's when everything came apart inside my head. It hurt so bad I guess I blacked out."

John's chums-up buddies didn't know what the problem was, but they knew they had to get him to a hospital in a hurry.

"We were kind of bewildered," said one card-playing crony.

"This isn't the kind of thing you see every day. It was scary to see a chap's head come apart."

Jaunty John says he can't wait to get out of the hospital and back in the game.

But he plans a major change in strategy.

"From now on I'll keep a poker face," he said. "No more laughing."

THERAPIST of ancient healing art spins on a turntable to release his energy into the patient.

Bizarre Oriental treatment is a miracle cure-all

A bizarre healing technique that dates back more than 2,000 years is being used to work miracles with people suffering from all kinds of crippling illness from Parkinson's disease to arthritis.

The treatment, which doctors in China say harnesses electrical energy in the bodies of the therapists and transmits it through the air to the patients, has a phenomenal success rate.

"The rate of cure in the treatments of many diseases is 94 percent," said Wan Sojian, director of a rehabilitation center in Peking that specializes in the technique called qigong therapy.

Patients are flocking to the clinic for the 2,300-year-old treatments in which the practitioner releases magnetic energy toward the patient while exercising vigorously on a spinning disk resembling like a large lazy Susan.

This energy generated by the practitioner flows through the air into the patient who is seated on a stool nearby.

Within minutes the patient feels the effects. His legs and arms begin to tremble violently and sometimes he actually floats in the air.

Bai Niande, a woman treated for osteoarthritis, said, "Before, I could not stand up. Now, after 18 treatments, I can walk with ease. I can go upstairs and downstairs. The function and

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"Somebody is going to be lucky enough to find the coins and set themselves up for life," said Dr. Ibbott.

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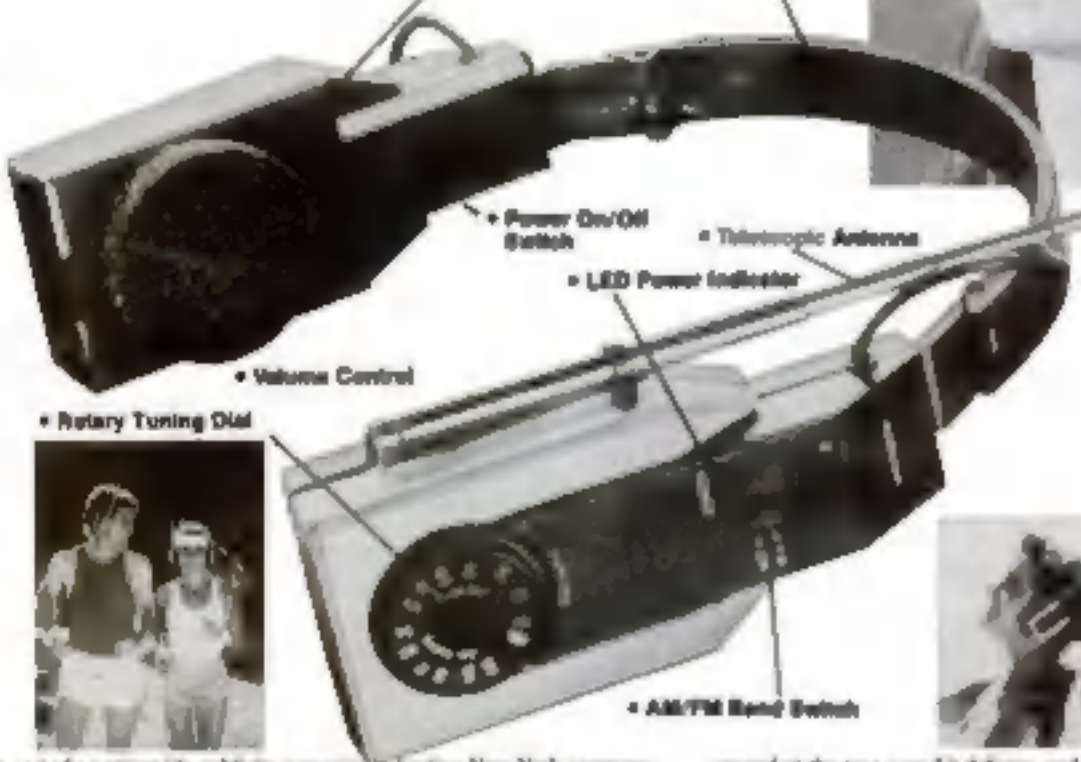

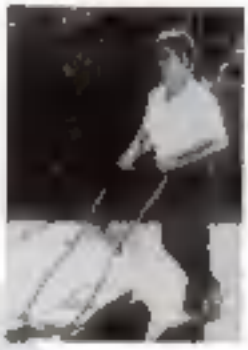

• NO DANGLING CORD
• NO BULKY CASE TO CARRY
• FOLDS AWAY FOR EASY CARRYING

As part of a nationwide publicity campaign, a leading New York company will give away its compact personal radios—the GFX-16™ Radio Headphones—for the astonishing publicity price of only $5 to every person who writes to the company address (below) before Midnight, August 17, 1988.

These are the same GFX-16 Radio Headphones nationally advertised by us in leading media throughout America. *Similar radio headphones have been sold by others for much higher prices.* Now, during this nationwide publicity campaign, you can have our nationally advertised GFX-16 for only $5, if you act promptly.

Lightweight (just 6 ounces!), with foam-cushioned earphones and adjustable headstrap, it's comfortable enough to wear all day long! But what's more, these Radio Headphones contain a performance-oriented AM/FM radio. Now, take your favorite music, news, talk shows or play-by-play sports action wherever you go! Its convenient hands-free operation lets you listen while you run—jog—work—cook—or clean. No dangling cords, no bulky unit to carry in your pocket! And, best of all, your own "personal" preferences or moods in programming won't disturb family, friends, co-workers or anyone around you.

Because its construction utilizes state-of-the-art electronic technology, it packs a *p-o-w-e-r-f-u-l* receiver in an ultra-compact design. You'll be amazed at the *true sound* it delivers, and it even has a sensitive telescoping antenna. And it's easy to operate, too. Because the tuning and volume controls are on the *outside* of the headphones, you can adjust them, *without even removing the headset!* It's powered by two "AA" batteries (not included)—and it even folds up neatly for easy storage!

Not Available from Us
At This or Any Price in Any Store

Because the GFX-16 Radio Headphones are expected to be the fastest-selling personal radio headphones ever sold by this multi-million dollar company, we decided not to sell any other models. They will *not* be sold at this—or any price by the company in any store. There is a limit of 2 radios per address at this price but if your request is mailed early enough (before Aug. 9) you may order up to 5. Each radio is covered by the company's full one-year money-back guarantee.

To order, mail this *original* publicity ad (no copies or photostats) together with your name and address and $5 for each set of GFX-16 Radio Headphones. Add only $2 shipping per set. (New York and California residents add sales tax.) Allow up to 6-8 weeks for shipment. *Make check payable to RBM Ltd.* Mail to: **RBM, RADIO HEADPHONES, Dept. 698-209, Box 1785, Bicksville, NY 11855.** **(E48946)**